



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We hope you've had a wonderful summer break and we are delighted to welcome the children back to school.

Year 5 is a particularly important year, as children continue to develop their independence, confidence and responsibility while building on the skills they have already gained. Throughout the term, we will provide a wide range of engaging learning opportunities designed to challenge, inspire and support every child to reach their full potential. We encourage the children to approach each new challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and a positive attitude.

By working together, we can ensure that every child feels happy, supported and successful in their learning journey. We look forward to sharing the children's achievements with you and to another exciting term of learning, discovery and achievement.

Our topic this term is: **The United Kingdom**

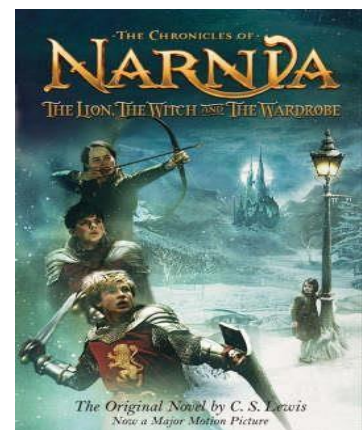


English: Fantasy

In English, our novel is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

We will:

- Develop reading fluency and comprehension.
- Write a non-chronological report about a mythical creature.
- Explore fantasy story features.
- Develop rich vocabulary and descriptive writing.



📖 At home:

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Reading for 15 – 20 minutes a day can make such a huge difference to children's understanding and capabilities in all curriculum areas. Books can be returned on any day in Year 5 and please sign the reading record once a book and review is complete.

🔊 Spellings

Spellings will be posted on **Class Dojo each Tuesday**, and should be practised at home using techniques taught in school. The Children will be tested the following Tuesday. We will also discuss the weekly spellings in class together.



🌍 Geography – The United Kingdom

This topic will help children learn about the United Kingdom, including its four countries, capital cities, and key landmarks. They will explore what makes each country unique and develop their understanding of the UK's geography and culture.



We will:

- Identify the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities.
- Locate the United Kingdom on a map and name surrounding seas.
- Explore famous landmarks and symbols from each country.
- Compare similarities and differences between the countries of the UK.

🧮 Maths – Number and Place Value

In maths, we begin with revision and extended knowledge of number and place value.

We will:

- Understand numbers to 1,000,000.
- Develop addition and subtraction skills.
- Develop multiplication and division skills.
- Solve problems using the four operations.



Please continue to practise times tables on TTRS. Please let me know if you require your child's log in details

✝ RE – Creation and Covenant

This year in Year 5, we will teach through a new syllabus created by the Religious Education

Directory. The central aim is "To Know You More Clearly" and bring religious education to life within the classroom. This curriculum works as a timeline, helping pupils to understand God's story and salvation history through a story-centred approach. The first topic is **Creation and Covenant**.



We will:

- Explore the Creation story through scripture □ Understand the idea of covenant.
- Consider our responsibility to care for God's creation through understanding Bible stories

♪ **Music – Nature: Chords and Melodies**

In Music, pupils will explore how nature inspires melodies and chords. They will create their own music to reflect natural sounds and moods.

We will:

- Explore melodies and chords.
- Compose music inspired by nature. □ Perform and evaluate music.



♥ **PSHE – Helping in an Emergency**

In PSHE, pupils will learn how to respond in an emergency and seek help safely. They will develop confidence in knowing when and how to get support for themselves and others.



We will:

- Recognise emergency situations.
- Know how to seek help.
- Understand how to contact emergency services.
- Learn how to keep ourselves and others safe.

Science – Forces

In Science, pupils will explore forces such as pushes, pulls and gravity. They will investigate how forces affect the movement of objects in everyday life.

We will:

- Explore gravity and friction.
- Investigate how forces affect movement.
- Explore levers, pulleys and gears.
- Carry out scientific investigations.



Computing – Systems and Networks

In Computing, pupils will learn how computer networks connect devices and support the internet. They will explore how search engines help us find information online safely and effectively.

We will:

- Understand computer systems and networks.
- Explore how information is transferred.
- Learn about internet safety.



Tuesday



PE - PE will continue to be taught by Chorley School Sport Partnership on a Tuesday afternoon. On this day, the children should come to school in their PE kit.

French - Year 5 will have French lessons on a Tuesday afternoon, which will develop their vocabulary and confidence in speaking French.



★ Year 5 Expectations ★

We will continue to encourage excellent behaviour, organisation, independence and high standards, preparing children for the responsibilities of Upper Key Stage 2. We are always happy to help, discuss any concerns and offer support. We look forward to working together to make this a

fantastic term for Year 5!

Notes for Parents

- Please ensure you read any correspondence sent by the school office or myself on Dojo.

- Any certificates and medals achieved which your child wishes to share are welcomed in our awards assembly on a Friday.
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day which should be full and then taken home each day to be washed.
- Children will come to school in their PE kits on Tuesday



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Critchley (Year 5 Teacher)

With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.