

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Spring Term 2025

We are Year 5: 5D, 5R, 5P/DM



Welcome to Year 5

Welcome back and Happy New year! We hope you have had a relaxing time with family and friends over the holiday period. This term, the children have a lot to look forward to, including an author from Luke Temple. Meanwhile, pupils will continue to progress their skills through daily practice, as well as expanding their knowledge through the wider curriculum.

P.E.

All children in Year 5 will have a PE lesson on a Wednesday with our specialist sports coach. They will also have one other PE during the week with their class teacher. Please liaise with the class teacher to find out the other PE day. The sports they will cover this term are, Basketball, Fitness, Netball, and Gymnastics.

Home reading

Please do continue to read regularly with your children and remind your child to bring in their reading books and reading records daily, so we can see all of their hard work and any information you wish to communicate with us. We will be changing books every week, however they are welcome to bring their own book from home too.

Topics we will be studying this term...

Geography - Natural Disasters
Science - Properties of Materials
Art - Futurism DT - Structures (Bridges)
R.W.V - Theology/Humanity
RSE - Jigsaw / My Happy Mind
History - The Victorians

Useful websites to help with homework

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/>

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!

Miss Dermott, Mr Ringe and
Miss Pieropan/Mrs Draycott-

Maths

In maths we will be revisiting multiplication and division, decimals, converting units and reading scales, decimals, and statistics. The children will continue to build upon their reasoning and problems solving skills, as well as their fluency through daily calculations and weekly mental maths tests.

English

We will begin the spring term by studying the book *Street Child* - which links nicely with our history topic (Victorians) - using the stimulus to write alternative endings and instructions. After the February half-term, we will then be moving onto *The Highwayman*. This exciting narrative poem will allow pupils to write a setting description, as well as their very own play scripts!

History

Our history topic will be focusing on the Victorian era, where pupils will be exploring what it was like living during the reign of Queen Victoria. As well as learning about the various significant events that occurred during this period, including the Industrial Revolution.

Science

As scientists, we will be studying properties and changes of material, investigating how materials are grouped through observation and recording, and how materials can change. We will complete investigations through fair testing to establish how heat or cold can change the properties of materials.

Geography

In geography, the children will be studying natural disasters, specifically earthquakes and volcanoes. They will learn about how these two phenomena occur and the impact they have.

Art / DT

In art, pupils will be considering what the world could look like in the future. Using the work of Teis Albers as inspiration, they will develop their sketching and drawing skills.

Also...

In Year 5, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books.

MyMaths - 2 x tasks weekly.

TTRS - at least 3x per week.

Spelling Shed - weekly (set on Fridays).

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a Friday.

