

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Waltham Holy Cross – Spring Term 2026

### We are Year 5: 5D, 5R, 5BD



#### Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We look forward to another term together, during which the children will engage in exciting activities and events. The pupils will continue to develop their reading with daily reading lessons. In English, they will explore a variety of texts of different genres, whilst also focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar. They will also continue to master times tables, and develop their reasoning skills using new methods in maths lessons.

#### P.E.

All children in Year 5 will have a PE lesson on a Thursday with our specialist sports coach. They will also have one other PE lesson during the week with their class teacher (please liaise with the class teacher if you are unsure of 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...

**Science** – Properties and Changes of Materials

**Art** – I Need Space **DT** – Structures (Bridges)

**R.W.V** – Christianity: What Difference Does Resurrection Make to Christians?

**RSE** – Jigsaw / My Happy Mind

**History** – The Victorians **Geography** – Natural Disasters

**Computing** – Data & Information

**Spanish** – Happy Birthday! & Parts of the Head

#### 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, Mrs. Boxall and Mrs. Draycott-Moss**

#### Maths

In maths, we will continue our work on multiplication and division. We will also learn about measurement and continue to work on addition and subtraction. In the second half of the term, we will learn about decimals, geometry and statistics. Children will also deepen their

#### English

We will start the spring term by reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. This fiction book allows children to explore the struggles of the Victorian period. As well as this, it will help them to develop their descriptive writing. We will then be focusing on the narrative poem, 'The Highwayman' by Alfred



## History

Our history topic this term focuses on the Victorians. The children will investigate what life was like in the Victorian era and the important historical events that took place during this time.

## Science

As scientists, we will be studying properties of materials. The children will explore how materials can be grouped, reversible and irreversible changes, and chemical reactions. As part of Science Week, children will also be working in groups to prepare their stall for the Year 5 science fair!

## Geography

In geography, we are studying natural disasters. Children will begin by learning about the structure of the Earth and then will explore where, and why, earthquakes occur. They will also learn about the formation of volcanoes and the lasting effects of these disasters.

## Art / DT

In art, our topic will be space. We will be exploring retrofuturism and the artist that we will learn about is Teis Albers. In DT, we will be creating structures in the form of bridges.

## 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).

Logins will be given out by the class teacher.

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

