

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Summer 2026

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



Welcome to Summer Term!

We hope you had a lovely spring break with family and friends, and are looking forward to beginning the summer term. This term, the children have many exciting things to look forward to, including Sports Day! However, given this is our final term with the children before they make the move to Year 6, we will also be preparing them for that transition; continuing to develop their skills in reading, writing and maths, in order to ensure they have the strongest possible foundations for their SATs next year!

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 led by their class teacher. This will be on:

- 5R - Tuesday
- 5D - Monday
- 5BD - Monday

The sports they will cover this term include athletics, tennis, cricket and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)

Home reading

Please do continue to read regularly with your children and remind your child to bring in their home / school book so we can see all of their hard work. We will be changing books every week, however they are welcome to bring their own book from home too.

Topics we will be studying in the summer term...

History - Modern Slavery

Geography - Comparative Study (England vs. Japan)

Science - Living Things and Their Habitats & Animals Including Humans

D.T. - Cooking & Nutrition (What Could Be Healthier?)

RWV - How do Hindus make sense of the world?

ART - Portraits

Computing - Programming B - Selection in Quizzes

MfL (Spanish): Parts of the Body / The Family

Useful websites to help with homework

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zcw76sg>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/>

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated!

Mr Ringe, Miss Dermott, Mrs Boxall and Mrs Draycott-Moss

What are we learning this term?

Maths

In the first half of the term, we will be focussing on geometry, specifically properties of shape; learning how to measure/calculate angles using a protractor, as well as reasoning with 3D shapes! We will then be moving onto decimals by consolidating our knowledge of place value and learning how to order and compare decimals. In the second half of the term, we will be working on measurement by converting units of measurement and reading scales. Additional time will be allocated for the revision of previous units.

History

This unit will focus on the history of slavery across a number of human civilisations, as well as the one in which we're currently living. The children will be exploring the groups of people who have been involved and/or affected by slavery, both historically and in the present day.

Art

This term's unit (Printing & Mixed Media: Portraits) will focus on who Chila Kumari Singh Burman is, with the children using her artwork as a stimulus to create their own self-portraits, which represent an aspect of their identity.

Computing

This unit is a continuation of the previous Computing unit 'Programming [A]: Selection in Physical Computing'. The children will continue to develop their coding skills; creating programs of varying degrees of complexity, and evaluating how these programs work in real life.

English

We will start the summer term by looking at free verse poetry. We will then be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which we will be using as a stimulus to create newspaper reports. In the second half term, we will be reading 'Henry's Freedom Box' by Ellen Levine in order to create biographies and short escape stories.

Science

In the first half term, in Science, our topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. The children will be exploring the different ways animals can be grouped based on their characteristics. We will also be looking at natural and human changes to habitats. After the half term, we will be studying Animals Including Humans.

Geography

This unit will focus on the various geographical differences and similarities between the UK and Japan. The children will be exploring both the human and physical aspects of both nations; including land marks, government, surrounding oceans/neighbours, population, and culture.

Also...

In Year 5, homework will be set online.

MyMaths - 1 x task weekly

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week

Spelling Shed - weekly

Logins have been given out by the class teacher.

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

