

## English

Our work in English this term will be based on *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, which we will use both in reading and in some writing lessons. We will look at a variety of texts and genres in lessons. We will be working on our comprehension skills using the VIPERS model in our daily reading lessons. We will write our own stories, poems, letters and develop our skills of editing.

We will focus particularly on grammar and key punctuation in the first half term. Spelling rules and patterns will be taught on a weekly basis, with a test on Tuesday. We will also hold a spelling bee competitions every term. The children will also be learning the spelling of words from the year 5/6 list. Success in learning spellings comes from regular practice. It is also helpful to encourage children to correct any misspelt high frequency words in their homework. We will also be working on presentation (especially handwriting) of our work.

## Science

In our science lessons we will be learning about materials—properties of materials, reversible and irreversible changes as well as separating mixtures. We will be planning and carrying out investigations and developing the skills of making predictions, recording, interpreting and analysing results and drawing conclusions. We will focus on developing our scientific vocabulary and our inquiry skills.

## History/Geography

In history this term, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We are planning two trips to support our learning: to Butser Ancient Farm and to Chertsey Museum.

In geography this term, we will be learning about changes—in our local environment and other locations—and why there is constant change.

## Mathematics

We will focus on developing our understanding of number and place value as well as a range of mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use these methods to solve problems involving numbers, money and measures. We are working towards mastery of maths—children being able to explain how they solve a problem and why, showing deeper understanding of maths. We will keep practising our times tables (originally up to  $9 \times 9$ ), including related division facts, through a new programme called Number Sense, and through speedy times tables challenges later in the term. We will use Times Tables Rockstars in lessons as well as for homework. Children are encouraged to use Times Tables Rockstars and Hit the Button website to improve their mastery of times tables.

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## Art/D.T.

In art, with Mrs Bristow, we will be developing our drawing skills looking at tonal shading to depict depth and perspective, also experimenting with line, colour and shape.

Our DT focus this term is food technology with designing and making Christmas biscuits.



## RE

Our RE Curriculum is called Day by Day (this is our second year of teaching it). There will be two 'Branches' this term.

Branch 1—Creation and Covenant  
Branch 2— Prophecy and Promise.

This half term we will focus on the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments.

**Monday:** English grammar task (due Wednesday).

**Tuesday:** Spellings - a written task and 3 games assigned on Spelling Shed—both due the following Monday (test on Tuesday).

**Wednesday:** Maths/Literacy/Topic homework (due Friday, unless involving research—more time given)

**Thursday:** Reading from our class reader to an adult (a set chapter). Children need to answer a few questions (due Monday)

Children should aim to read daily, not just the class reader, but books of many different types for pleasure. They need to practise their spellings and times tables every day (using Times Tables Rockstars for instance).

**Friday:** Maths task (due Tuesday)

## Homework

## Music

Our music lessons this term will be taught by Mr Clay on alternate Wednesdays.

In the run-up to Christmas, we will be busy preparing for our Christmas carol concert.

## Physical Education

P.E. lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. This term we will have hockey on Mondays (with a coach from Surbiton Hockey Club) and basketball on Thursdays with Mr Seuke. The children will need a mouth guard and shin pads for our hockey lessons—for their safety.

## Spanish

This year in our Modern Foreign Language lessons, we will be learning Spanish. The lesson will take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons and will be led by Mrs Bowen from Salesian school. Children will focus on building their knowledge of Spanish vocabulary for speaking.

## PSHE

We will follow Ten Ten's "Life to the Full" scheme of work, focusing on how to face challenges in life, being under pressure and learning about how thoughts and feelings impact on actions. We will also look at racism and diversity as well as the rule of law. We will also discuss Catholic Social Teaching values (this half term we will focus on Stewardship) and make links to our learning in RE.

## Computing

Computing lessons will be taught by Mrs Bristow on Thursday afternoons. Our focus this term is 'Computing systems and networks', (specifically systems and searching), as well as 'Creating media' looking at video production. Online safety work continues throughout the year with a focus on being a safe and responsible user of technology.

Listed below are some websites that you may like to explore with your child to fit in with the topics they will be studying.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/anglo\\_saxons/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/anglo_saxons/)  
<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/who.htm>

As a school, we have bought into the online numeracy resources, **Times Tables Rockstars & Numbots**. We also have access to **Spelling Shed** which helps with developing spelling skills. Please encourage your child to use these at home to play games (as well as complete their weekly homework)

**A fantastic resource for practising times tables and number bonds can be found on the Internet—Google Hit the Button.**



# Information for Year 5 Parents

Looking for your child's next favourite read?  
Visit:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>  
or  
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>

# Autumn Term