

YEAR FIVE: AUTUMN TERM 2026

Information for parents and carers



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ENGLISH

In the first half term we will read the Louis Sachar novel, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*. We will focus our writing on persuasion and explanation texts. After half term, we will be looking at the classic Alfred Noyes poem, *The Highwayman*. This will provide opportunities to examine figurative language as well as exploring the plot and characters of the poem in detail. We will continue to practise handwriting, spelling and grammar.



SCIENCE

Our two topics for this term are:
Earth and Space - planets in the Solar System and the movements and effects of the Sun and Moon
Forces - gravity, friction (including air and water resistance), levers and pulleys.



HISTORY

Ancient Greeks - What were the greatest achievements of the Ancient Greeks? Looking at the legacy that the Ancient Greeks left behind.



MUSIC

Living' On A Prayer by Jon Bon Jovi and Classroom Jazz 1. Using the Charanga scheme to appraise and play different songs.



MATHS

We will cover these areas throughout the term:
Understanding and investigating with numbers:

- place value, ordering and rounding
- properties of numbers and number sequences
- fractions, decimals and percentages

Developing and applying calculation:

- formal column addition and subtraction
- short multiplication and short division

Measurement

- basic conversions
- perimeter recap

Geometry:

- properties of shapes
- position and direction



PE

Swimming (Thursday)

Football with NUF (Friday)



MFL (FRENCH)

General greetings, talking about brothers and sisters and using different verbs.

School



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Importance of Worship—focusing on the features of Worship and why these are important to believers.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Mechanical systems of gears and pulleys to link to our work in Science.

Food technology which focuses on healthy eating and adapting recipes. The unit will result in the making of a tasty and healthy Bolognese.



ART & DESIGN

Drawing - Developing depth, emotion and movement. A unit which focuses on how to use lines to convey emotion, shading to convey depth as well as the composition and precision of making a print.



COMPUTING

Systems and networks and how computers are linked. Programming using 'Scratch' software.



HOMEWORK

Accelerated Reader books will be sent home daily OR the class novel may be sent home to read set chapters for the following day.

Maths homework will be mainly online using My Maths. Should your child not have access to a suitable device at home, paper copies can be requested.

Spellings will be assigned on the Spelling Shed app and a paper task will be given. Children should complete the assignment on the app or practise writing their spelling words out as well as complete the paper task. They should also practise writing them in sentences to ensure they understand the meaning.

It would be beneficial for most children continue to use the Times Table Rock Stars App at home.



DIARY DATES (MORE DATES MAY BE ADDED AS THE TERM PROGRESSES)

- 10.09.26- First swimming session
- 11.09.26-First NUF PE session
- 11.09.26 - First Aid session
- 16.09.26 2.45pm -Meet the teacher session (more information to follow)
- W/B 21.09.26-Clubs begin
- 05.10.26 2.30pm / 06.10.26 9.15am -Harvest Festival
- 09.10.26-World Mental Health Day
- 22.10.26-Spooks and Sparkles Disco
- 23.10.26-Last day of half term
- 02.11.26-School closed (INSET Day)
- 13.11.26 - Children In Need
- 24/25.11.26 - Parent Consultations
- 27.11.26 - Festivals of Light day
- 02.12.26 - Flu immunisations
- 04.12.26 - Christmas Fayre (2.30-4.30)
- 16.12.26 - Carol Service at Holy Cross
- 16.12.26 - KS2 Party afternoon
- 18.12.26 - Last day of term. Christmas Jumper Day

