

Year 5 Curriculum Map Term 1 2026-2027



English

Value of Place Punctuation and Grammar:

A four-week programme that helps children build confidence with key punctuation and grammar skills through short, focused and engaging activities.

Non-chronological report – Planets of the Solar System:

Children use their knowledge of space to write a report using correct grammar, punctuation and language features.

Recount and Setting description based on the text – The

Nowhere Emporium: Children will write a letter and then a setting description.



Computing

Computing systems /networks - search engines

Children hone their research skills and learn about finding accurate information.



Science

Properties of materials: Children will explore the properties of materials, such as hardness, solubility, and conductivity. They'll investigate how these properties help us choose suitable materials for different purposes.

Changes of materials (Solids, liquids, gases): Children will investigate how materials change between solids, liquids, and gases. Through hands-on experiments, they'll explore reversible and irreversible changes, focusing on transformations. They'll learn how heating and cooling affect states of matter.



PE

Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA): Activities such as orienteering and problem solving, promoting teamwork.

Fitness: Exploring how our body works and improving stamina.

Invasion Games – Dodgeball and Basketball: Children will focus on strategy, teamwork, and game tactics.



Geography

What is life like in the Alps?

Considering the climate of mountain ranges and why people choose to visit the Alps; focusing on Innsbruck and looking at the human and physical features that attract tourists; investigating tourism in the local area and mapping recreational land use; presenting findings to compare the Alps to the children's own locality.



PSHE

Being Me in My World: Children think and plan for the year ahead, they set goals and discuss the challenges they may face. They explore their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community, and the country they live in.

Celebrating Difference: Children explore culture and cultural differences. They link this to racism, debating what it is and how to be aware of their own feelings towards people from different cultures. They revisit the topic of bullying.



History

Topics to be covered in Spring term.



French

Phonetics 3 / Date: Days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31 will be introduced, revised and consolidated.

Clothes: Children learn to describe what they are wearing in French. They aim to be able to say and write what they are packing in their suitcase for a holiday.



Music

Living on a Prayer: Children learn to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, and listen and appraise other classic rock.

Classroom Jazz: Learning is focused around two tunes and improvising: Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing.



Maths

- Number: Place Value
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
- Number: Multiplication and Division A
- Number: Fractions A



RE

Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?

Understand Jewish beliefs and explain how and why they are important to Jewish people today.

Was Jesus the Messiah?

Explain the place of incarnation and Messiah within 'the Big Story' of the bible.



Art

Collage: Children will design and create their own headdresses using a variety of mixed media. They will use sketchbooks to develop ideas, experiment with different materials, and explore creative techniques.

Drawing – Portraits: Children will explore portrait drawings inspired by Njideka Akunyili Crosby, Yinka Shonibare, Thandiwe Muriu, and Mike Barrett. They'll experiment with style, pattern, and identity, linking to PSHE by celebrating difference, individuality, and cultural heritage through expressive, mixed-media portraits.



DT

Mechanical systems - Making a pop-up book: Design and create a functional pop-up book using levers, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms.

Cooking and nutrition - Developing a recipe: An opportunity for children to learn a simple bolognese recipe and adapt it to improve nutritional content.