

# Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Autumn 2 2023

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new term!  
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.  
Best wishes,  
The Year 5 team

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## Topic (History/ Geogrpahy)

Our new topic will be 'The Victorians'. We will be exploring this period, focusing on the key inventions including railways and factories, and discussing the legacy that this has left.

### English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of non-fiction texts. We will look at different text types including a biography and a job advert We will be focusing on our sentence structure this term and ensuring we are including all the parts of speech correctly. In addition, we will explore the exciting novel, The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Alex Bell to develop our reading skills. In guided reading lessons, we will support children with all the core reading skills: predicting, summarising, inferencing, making connections and retrieval. Finally, we will be helping more children to achieve their pen license as many of our students have been working extremely hard on their presentation and handwriting.

### Maths

This half term we will work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables! We will focus on informal methods as well as formal ones so please support your children with trying different strategies, not just column method!

### Science

We are continuing with our topic: **Changes in Materials**. We will be looking at the properties of everyday materials, the relationship between different substances and demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. We will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials,

### Music

This year, the children will be practising singing in a group, using musical notation.

### Art/DT

In our art lessons we will be creating 'Bridge structures' and will look at famous Victorian engineers and artists such as Brunel and William Morris.

### PE

Our lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure PE kits are worn on these days. Our PE focus will be gymnastics.

### PSHE

In PSHE, the children will continue to have weekly Brain Buddie sessions

### Spanish

We will focus on basic and conversational Spanish.

### RE

In RE, we will be learning about how Christians and other cultures celebrate Christmas around the world.

## **Rough daily timetable:**

9:00-9:30 Reading

9:30-10:45 English

BREAK

11:05-12:15 Maths

12:15-12:30 Assembly

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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## **Dates for the diary:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti Bullying week - wear odd socks

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November- Y5/6 Maths coffee morning

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day and dinner

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas fair (3:30pm)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Y4/5/6 Carol concert (2:30pm)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - pantomime visiting the school

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - class parties (afternoon)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm finish for half term

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - return to school