

Year 5



Autumn 2026

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely break!

Here is an outline of the learning for the Autumn Term.

English – This half term we will be reading ‘The Lost Thing’ by Shaun Tan. The children initially engage with the themes of the story and make predictions about its content. They will produce diary entries, formal letters, adverts, character descriptions and non-chronological reports. This will lead to a series of innovations upon the story structure where children create their own ‘lost things’, creating a story plan. Finally, children write their own lost thing narratives, based upon their story plan.

Maths – We will start with place value as this is central to understanding the number system. It helps us understand and build confidence with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and estimation. We will then move onto addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers and looking at inverse operations.

Topic – We will start by identifying Africa and the different countries within the continent, researching Fairtrade and water pollution. Next, we will delve deeper into Africa’s history of the ancient Kingdom of Benin and how it came to thrive. The unit explores western attitudes towards African civilisations, comparing the achievements, oral tales and artefacts of ancient Benin to those in Europe at the same time.

Science – We will be learning about **Forces**. They will investigate why unsupported objects fall towards the Earth and the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. Finally, children will learn how to recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

RE – We will start by exploring the ‘fearless women in the Bible’, looking at their contributions and the importance of women in Christianity both past and present. In Autumn term 2 we will be understanding the events that led Siddhartha becoming Buddha and eventually achieving enlightenment.

PE – **PE is every Thursday.** Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit to school on Monday. We will be focusing on basketball this term. Children will be developing different skills including building their stamina and working together as a team.

Computing – In computing we will develop our understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. Starting by comparing digital and non-digital devices, before introducing computer networks. Then we will move onto using a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. Being able to apply these skills to create a story-based animation.

Art – This term we will look at artists and astronaut Dr. Sian Proctor who creates vibrant Afrofuturist works using a distinctive geometric line art style, whilst amongst the stars.

Homework – Home learning goes home on a Monday; the schedule for return is shown below. The activities set will support the learning taking place in class.

Spelling - Return the completed sheet the following Monday. Spellings will be tested in class and the expectation will be for children to use them correctly in their writing.

Times Table Rock Stars – This will be set weekly.

Children complete one task per week. They are aware of which task it is.

Comprehension – (Set fortnightly)

Children return on a Monday after 2 weeks.

Reading – We want the children to read for 15 minutes **EVERY DAY**. Please sign your child’s reading record once per week as confirmation of their reading. This will be checked on a Monday.

Thank you for your support at home. Please continue to encourage your child to bring a ready to learn attitude to class.

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