

**Mathematics:** In mathematics, we will be covering reasoning with large whole integers, as well as integer addition and subtraction. Times Table Rock Stars will further develop your child's number skills, and we encourage the use of this at home.

**English:** For English, we will be writing our own poem based on Grace Nichols' 'For Forest'. For our narrative, we will be writing a setting description based on our class reader 'Thomas Snoop', as well as writing an advert for a Tudor home.

#### **Science:**

This half term, our science unit is 'Forces and space: Unbalanced forces'. In this unit, we will be investigating gravity, friction, air and water resistance and their effects.

#### **Autumn 1 2025 - Class 5 are learning about:**

#### **Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?**

**History:** Our history this half term is 'Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?'. We will focus on: explaining where the Vikings came from and why they invaded Britain, sequencing events according to their significance for groups of people, as well as finding evidence and making inferences from sources.

#### **MFL:**

For Autumn 1, Year 6 will be learning Spanish through describing our family and friends, where we will be using different verbs to write descriptions.

#### **PE:**

This half term, our PE topics are football and OAA. We will be developing our dribbling skills in football, and our techniques of orienteering and teamwork in OAA.

#### **RE:**

In RE, we are learning about Hinduism and how Hindus show commitment to God through their religion.

#### **Text Driver:**

Our text driver for this half term is 'Thomas Snoop: Tudor Boy Spy'

Our diversity text will be 'For Forest' among a collection of other Caribbean poems, learning about the islands' diverse culture.

#### **Art:**

Our Art lessons will focus on how retrofuturism inspired artists like Teis Albers, using printmaking, and developing our sketching skills.

### Music:

In music, Year 5 will be learning about composition notation, with the theme of Ancient Egypt. In this unit, they will learn to: compose and play a melody using stave notation, contribute meaningfully to a group performance and composition, and use hieroglyphic notation to show the structure of their piece.

### PSHE:

In PSHE, we are studying the puzzle piece 'Being in my World'. We will be learning about how to set personal goals, how individual actions affect the collective, and how democracy is important to British society.

### Computing:

This half term, our computing unit is called 'Search engines'.

In this unit, we will be: developing searching skills to help find relevant information on the internet, learning how to use search engines effectively to find information, focus on keyword searches and evaluate search returns, and recognise how to check the viability of information online.

### Homework

In Year 5, homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

They will be given a piece of reading homework as well as a piece of maths homework every week. Children are also encouraged to read at home every day and to log this on Boom Reader.

Finally, to help with spellings, children will be given weekly spellings on a Monday and then tested on these on a Friday. The weekly spelling focus is also linked to the activities on Spelling Shed.

### Nonsuch Values:

During this half term, the children will be focussing on a different Nonsuch Value each week. These are:

- Compassion
- Self-awareness
- Aspiration
- Commitment
- Resilience
- Integrity

As a class, we will be completing work around each of these values and how we can display them in everyday life.