



CURRICULUM GUIDE

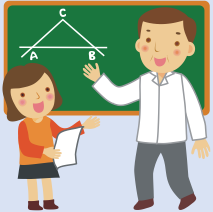
For parents of children in

Year 5

2026-2027

CURRICULUM GUIDES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 5

Work covered by pupils in Year 5 in the Advent Term will include the following:

 English	Reading • Individual books • Class reader – Street Child, Berlie Doherty Speaking and listening • Class discussion/group work • Oral comprehension • Reading individual work • Role plays and hot seating relating to Victorians • Making a speech linked to History Writing • Comprehension – focusing on inference and deduction • Handwriting • Spellings • Grammar – improving sentence structure, speech, relative clauses, complex sentences, connectives, similes and metaphors • Fiction – expand story structure, story openings - descriptive passages and characterization - adventure stories • Non-fiction: - Biography
 Mathematics	• Weekly oral/written mental arithmetic tests • Weekly tables tests (individually 2x to 12x and 100 tables including division facts) • Place value, ordering and counting whole 6 digit numbers and beyond • Rounding numbers to nearest 10, 100 or 1000 • Addition/subtraction mental strategies – 2 digit to 3 digit numbers • Addition/subtraction written methods – column addition, subtraction – decomposition • Recognise and explain number patterns • Understanding square numbers • Division written methods – division with remainder • Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000



Science

Acids and alkalis

- Common acids and alkalis
- Indicators
- pH and universal indicator
- Neutralisation reactions

STEM rotation – Forces

- Friction
- Air resistance
- Water Resistance
- Gravity



Art/DT

- Drawing skills – exploring line, colour and tone
- Looking at artists' work
- Moving toys
- Islamic art
- Abstract art linked to volcanoes



Geography

- Structure of the earth
- Volcanic eruptions
- Causes and effects of earthquakes
- Extending map skills



Computing

- Coding
- Microsoft Word Skills
- Online Safety
- Touch typing skills

STEM Rotation

- Crumble Controllers
- Strawbees



P.E. & Sport

- Boys' major sport: Advent term – Rugby
- Girls' major sport: Advent term – Hockey
- Swimming: endurance, timed skills and stroke work.
- The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:-
 - Fitness / Cross country
 - Dance
 - Gymnastics
 - Ball Skills



Languages and WOLLOW

In Year 5, pupils build a knowledge of phonics, grammar and vocabulary in Spanish, alongside the WOLLOW course. We will learn selected poems, songs, stories, traditions and cultural norms from many Spanish speaking countries.

Recognise days, months, weather, colours, numbers 0-31 and phonic sounds included in these words. Celebrate Christmas.

WOLLOW is a school curriculum that teaches children aged 7–13 about the history, structure, and cultural diversity of human language. It celebrates children's home and heritage languages while boosting overall literacy.

- **Values all languages:** It celebrates bilingual and multilingual families and helps all young people to explore their own multilingualism.
- **Builds brain power:** It shows kids how languages work, improving critical thinking and grammar skills.
- **Connects families to school:** It invites parents to share their own linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
- **Prepares for the future:** It builds a lifelong curiosity and love for learning new languages.

Unit 3 Wonderful Words

1. Loanwords
2. Cognates
3. Made-Up Words
4. Prefixes, Roots and Suffixes
5. Cryptic Hidden Meanings
6. Loughborough: Spelling and its Problems
7. Days of the Week and Months of the Year



History

The Victorians

- Who was Queen Victoria?
- Life for children in Victorian times
- Trip to Beaumanor Hall



Music

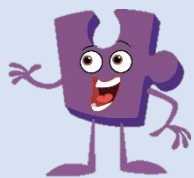
Through listening, appraising, performing and composing children will explore:

- Science Fiction Music for TV and Film: Pupils will explore how music creates atmosphere and emotion
- Oliver! The Musical: Children will study songs from Oliver! to understand musical theatre, characterisation through music, and storytelling.
- Digital Music Creation: Children will use GarageBand and Musescore software to compose, arrange, and notate music, gaining confidence with digital tools and creative expression.



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- Islam – what it means to be a Muslim



PSHE/RSE

- Being Me in my World – understanding rights and responsibilities
- Celebrating Difference – including anti-bulling
- Understanding democracy/school council

Work covered by pupils in Year 5 in the Lent Term will include the following:



English

Reading

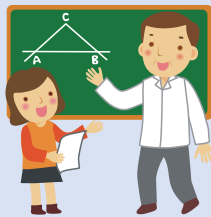
- Individual books
- Class reader: complete Street Child, Thief by Malorie Blackman
- Extracts from fiction and non-fiction books

Speaking and listening

- Class discussion/group work
- Oral comprehension
- Victorian presentations – linked to History
- Drama – linked to poetry

Writing

- Comprehension – linked to creative writing/different text types
- Handwriting
- Spellings
- Grammar – punctuation, complex sentences, personification, speech and adverbs
- Fiction – The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
- Non-fiction – instructions and biography
- Narrative poems



Mathematics

- Weekly oral/written mental arithmetic tests
- Weekly tables tests
- Mental strategies for the four operations
- Multiplication and division methods
- Fractions – equivalent fractions and mixed numbers
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Decimals up to 3 decimal places
- Recognising equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages
- Recognise and understand common multiples
- Statistics – interpreting data from bar charts and line graphs
- Statistics– drawing line graphs for different purposes and interpreting them
- Reading timetables 12 and 24 hour clock
- Area and perimeter of rectangles and irregular shapes



Science

Life cycles

- Study the different stages of the life cycles of a bird, amphibian, reptile, and a mammal.
- STEM rotation - Rocks and Soils



Art/DT

- Watercolour techniques
- Painting in the style of an artist
- Textiles – designing Victorian style cross stitch samplers



Geography

Water

- Water cycle / water treatment / comparing our water use with use in developing countries



Computing

- Spreadsheets using formulae and graphs
- Scratch – creating video games
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STEM Rotation

- Crumble Controllers
- Strawbees



P.E. & Sport

- Boys' major sport: Lent term – Hockey
- Girls' major sport: Lent term – Netball
- Swimming: endurance, timed skills and stroke work.
- The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:-
 - Fitness / Cross country
 - Gymnastics
 - Dance
 - Invasion Games



Languages and WoLloW

Spanish: Recap all vocab and recognise verb estar and adjective agreement by gender. Celebrate Easter.

WoLloW: Unit 4 How Language Works.

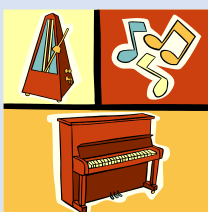
1. What is a Verb?
2. What is Gender?
3. Question Words
4. Word Order
5. Vowel, Consonants and Phonics
6. What is a Noun?
7. Numerals and Numbers



History

The Victorians

- Comparison between now and then
- Legacy of Victorian times
- Famous Victorian project
- Victorian Leicester



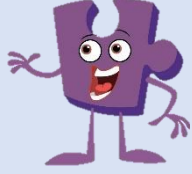
Music

- Recorder Composition and Skills: Children will continue developing their recorder technique and begin composing short pieces, focusing on melody, rhythm, and musical structure.
- Ukulele skills: expanding repertoire, learning more chords, increasing fluency, developing strumming patterns, singing and playing



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- Justice and Poverty



PSHE/RSE

- Dreams and goals
- Healthy me

Work covered by pupils in Year 5 in the Trinity Term will include the following:



English

Reading

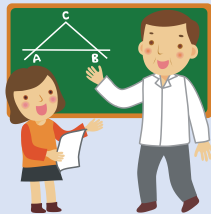
- Individual reading book
- Class texts
- Class Reader – continue Thief

Speaking and listening

- Class discussion/group work
- Oral comprehension

Writing

- Comprehension – weekly exercises
- Handwriting
- Spellings
- Grammar – Powerful verbs, embedded clauses, reported speech, conjunctions and complex sentences
- Fiction – writing from different points of view
- Story writing
- Non-fiction:
 - Diary entries
 - Newspapers
- Poetry



Mathematics

- Weekly oral/written mental arithmetic tests
- Weekly tables tests
- Revision of four rules of Number– applying this in word problems including measurement
- Probability
- Drawing angles using protractors
- Co-ordinates in the first quadrant
- Translation and reflection
- Shape – extend knowledge of properties of 2D/3D shapes
- Extend properties of 2D shapes
- Conversion of units – length, mass and capacity
- Working with negative numbers
- Measurement of volume



Science

Life Cycles -

- Study the life cycles of both flowering and non-flowering plants.
- Plants and Habitats

Investigation work

- Pupil led investigation work to answer an everyday problem.



Art/DT

- Clay work linked to history
- Designing and making biscuits



Geography

Rivers

- Physical features, effects on landscape, location
- Practical river study and follow up
- Features of a river
- Independent research on a world river



Computing

- Databases
- 3D modelling
- CAD/CAM - laser cutter

STEM Rotation

- Crumble Controllers
- Strawbees



P.E. & Sport

- Boys' major sport: Trinity term – Cricket & Athletics
- Girls' major sport: Trinity term – Cricket & Athletics
- Swimming: Endurance, timed skills and stroke work.
- The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:-
 - Tennis
 - Athletics
 - Cycling



Spanish: Recap all vocab, recognise verb ser and how to ask questions.

WoLloW :

Catch Up Units 4 and 5

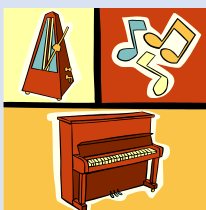


Languages and WoLloW



History

- The Indus Valley – introduction to civilization



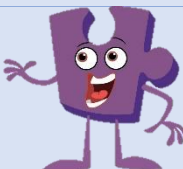
Music

- Through a variety of listening, composition and performance tasks children will learn about the **History of Classical Music**: With a focus on Baroque, Classical and Romantic music they will look at key composers, and how music has evolved over time.



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- Moral dilemmas



PSHE/RSE

- Personal development – becoming independent linked to residential
- Relationships
- Changing me

This guide provides an overall outline of work to be covered and is subject to change.