



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026: Year 5



Welcome to Year 5 and to the start of a new school year. The children have settled well, and we have enjoyed getting to know them. This year, your children will be completing online homework using 'SATs Companion'. Your child has received their logins (in their homework diaries) and have been shown how to use the website to access their homework.

We have many exciting curriculum opportunities planned for the Autumn term including a visit to The Harry Potter Studios to lead our Writing unit – which we are all excited about! All of the Year 5 team are looking forward to the term ahead and look forward to getting to know you all as the term progresses.

English

During Autumn Term, the children will continue exploring fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts in Class Reading lessons, continuing to develop their comprehension skills. Our class text for this term is 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. In writing, the children will be learning to write a diary entry, write a Warning Tale and use figurative language in poetry. The children will also use formal language to write a biography.

Science

The focus for this term in Science is 'Materials and their properties'. The children will investigate hardness, magnetism and conductivity. They will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes through a variety of scientific experiments.

Music

In Music, the children will be continuing their flute lessons, where they will build on their skills from Year 4.

PSHE

During Autumn term, the children will be learning about relationships and how to work collaboratively as a team. We will be focusing on a variety of scenarios, and thinking about how we can resolve these by developing a range of skills.

Art/DT

Our focus artist will be Karl Johnson. We will study examples of his work and think about the effect of using silhouettes within artwork. The children will then use this to create a scene from WW2. In our DT lessons, the children will produce a moving card using a chosen method. They will decide on the best occasion for their card.

RE

The focus this term is Islam and exploring the origins of the faith. We will learn about the role of Muhammad as a Prophet of God and the importance of the Pillars of Islam.

Maths

In Maths, we are building on our knowledge of place value and the four operations including formal calculation methods for addition and subtraction. We will also apply this knowledge in a variety of reasoning problems. During number lessons, the children will also learn about multiples, factors and prime numbers. Towards the end of the term, the children will begin to explore fractions of numbers.

PE

In PE, the children will build on their skills through a variety of sports. These will be Gymnastics, T1 Rugby, Dance and Volleyball. The children will have the chance to observe and reflect on both their own and their peers' performances.

MFL

The children will be naming places to visit within Dudley in French. They will also be building on their knowledge of numbers up to 70.

Geography/History

In History, the children will be learning about The Battle of Britain (WW2) and thinking about how this has impacted on our lives today, such as the role of women in society. We will learn key facts such as when, where and why it began and ended. In Geography, we will focus on the physical and human features of Paris and how tourism has both advantages and disadvantages. They will also develop their map skills.

Computing

The children will be looking at interactive quizzes, identifying how to make them informative and engaging using a variety of question types. They will use this knowledge to create, play and reflect on their own quizzes. The children will also explore databases and how to search for a variety of information efficiently using different tools.

Class Page Link: <https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/year-5/>

Knowledge Organisers Link: <https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/knowledge-organisers/>

As you can see, it promises to be an exciting term and we look forward to seeing the children flourish as they enjoy, achieve and learn! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support.

	Reading	Spelling	Maths	English
Homework Plan Year 5	Reading for pleasure and every child will be encouraged to read up to 3 times a week. (Books changed as required)	A set of spellings will be sent home each week on a Friday and tested the following Friday.	SATS Companion Task (tasks set each Wednesday) https://app.satscompanion.com/login	SATS Companion Task (tasks set each Wednesday) https://app.satscompanion.com/login

Facing Challenges



Community



Collaboration



Self and Lifestyle



Resourcefulness



Reflection

