

# OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM FOR TERMS 1 AND 2 2017

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## Year 5

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Welcome back Year 5 to the new school year. We have lots of exciting things in store this year!

### Numeracy

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- In Numeracy we will be working to improve our mental maths strategies and apply our number fact knowledge to solve reasoning problems. Helping your child to learn their times tables will help them to make rapid progress in class, and be useful to them in real life situations.

Other areas of Numeracy are:

- Number and Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Geometry: properties of shape
- Geometry: Position and direction
- Measurement
- Statistics

### Literacy

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- In Literacy, the focus in term 1, will be on Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In term 2, we will be studying Greek Myths. We will be working on descriptive writing, looking at setting and characters. Your child will be learning to develop their writing and reading skills. As a school we are continuing to use some of the Pie Corbett techniques to develop these skills. Children have a weekly spelling test and should be practising their words every night.
- To enhance our writing we will be incorporating a range of SPaG skills for children to use to become creative writers.

- In Science, we will be learning about Changes of Materials including reversible and irreversible changes. We will be conducting a range of experiments and learning what makes a fair test.
- After half term we will be studying Gravity and Forces with reason why things fall; Air resistance, water resistance and friction. Also, including some mechanisms, levers, pulleys, gears and how a small force allows to have a greater effect.

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## History



- In History, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will look at Ancient Greek beliefs and how the Olympics and the Gods were very important to them. We will also be exploring Ancient Greek myths and legends.
- In Term 2 our Geography topic will be centred on mountains and climate zones. We will be looking at both human and physical geography, including studying maps. If you have maps at home it would be helpful to explore these with your child.

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## RE

- In RE will be learning about Sikhism: How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion? We are learning to compare the different ways Sikhs put their religion into practice.
- In Term 2 we be learning about Christianity: To evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story and understand that stories can be true in different ways.
- Our value in term 1 is 'Empathy'. The value will be practised throughout the school, during lessons and whole school assemblies. We encourage children to first be aware of others' feelings as well as being able to express their own feelings as, this is an important part of their development.
- In Term 2, our value will be 'Pride'. This will encourage children to focus on their achievements: how this makes them feel good, increases their confidence, enhances their self-esteem and keeps them focus more on the positives and less on the negatives in their life.

## Art



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- In Design and Technology we will be designing and making our own Ancient Greek pots.
  - During Term 2 DT will be developing our sewing skills, producing a felt decoration in time for the festive season.

## Spanish



Spanish is taught once a week by a Spanish teacher.

- They will use simple greetings and learn numbers 1 to 31 along with months of the year and seasons to be able to identify dates.
- The children will be developing their vocabulary and have lots of opportunities to practice speaking Spanish.

## PE



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- PE is taught by qualified coaches. This term the children will be taught Tag Rugby (Invasion Games) followed by Hockey (striking and fielding).
  - Please ensure that children have dark shorts and a plain white t-shirt ready for PE. They will also have dark jogging bottoms/tracksuit and a sweatshirt to wear as they will be doing PE outside throughout the winter months.
  - Peridot and Sapphire classes have their PE lesson on Wednesdays (swimming will be on Mondays). Please ensure they have their kit on a Monday ready for the week and any club they're a member of. Letters have been sent home regarding clubs. They should also have their plimsoles/trainers to change into if they want to play sports or go on the play equipment during break and lunchtimes.

## Music



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- For Music, children will learn and develop Singing, performance, composition, prepare for young voices, staff notation in rhythm form.
  - They will be exploring different chords to accompany songs. They will also be singing, learning various songs especially for the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January.



## Homework

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- Homework is set every Thursday and due in, on the following Tuesday. The children will have workbooks to complete Literacy and Numeracy work which, will be linked to classroom learning. Please encourage children to read the questions and have 'a go'.
- Spelling tests will be set on Thursday and tested on Monday. Times table tests will be on-going.

To help your child at home you can...

- Your child should be bringing home a reading book. We encourage them to read for 15 minutes, 5 times a week and complete their reading record with their progress. Discuss their reading books and retell the stories, as much as possible. They will also need to bring this into school each day. This would be greatly beneficial to your child's learning. We will be awarding points to children who regularly read at home and bring their reading record into school.
- Encourage them to practice their spellings and times tables ready for testing.