



Headteacher: Mr Chris Hill

Year 5 Spring Term 2026 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful start to the new year! The following table allows you to see, at a glance, our main learning for this term:

Topic Focus	Spring Term - Rivers and Oceans
Subject	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English	Poetry Talk for Writing Unit: Draco Malfoy – Recount Text Morgwitch - Meeting tale.
Maths	Multiplication and division, fractions and statistics.
Science	Topic – Space Working scientifically: explore ideas, raise different questions, and to select and plan scientific enquiries.
RE	The history of the Bible and the Easter story.
Computing	Physical computing using microbits for selection.
PSHE	Diversity in our community and drugs education.
Art and DT	Design and create a collage with an ocean pollution theme. Investigating, designing and evaluating cam mechanisms.
Geography	Continents and oceans focus: countries of Europe and surrounding waters; the UK coasts; four and six figure grid references; the UK economy and ports; map symbols and keys; world oceans; and ocean pollution. Rivers focus: UK rivers; physical features of a river; the water cycle; river pollution; Indonesia case study and a river project.
Music	Music notation: listening to, respond to and discussing a variety of songs and music. Performing with Ukuleles: Developing knowledge of the instrument and focus on learning the skills of performing as an ensemble.
PE	Dance-Dance styles using music. Gymnastics- Press and Go. Netball and Basketball.
Spanish	'The Weather' and 'In the Classroom'.

Homework

The children will be set three Homework tasks in the year. These are an autumn project about Ancient Egypt, a spring project about Earth and Space and a summer project about World War 2.

Children will be expected to practise weekly spellings at home on their Spelling Shed account and a spelling sheet. The spelling patterns will be taught to the children each week so that they can then work on them independently at home. There will then be a spelling test each Friday.

Children will also be expected to access TT Rockstars at home. There will also be time to access this in school.

Reading

We will be continuing with the Accelerated Reader system this term. Your child will be bringing home a school reading book in line with their current ZPD level. Please encourage regular independent reading of this book and reading to an adult wherever possible. As a guide, your child should read at least five times a week at home and should be also aiming to read at least one hundred minutes each week. Extra reading of non-fiction, such as magazines, instructions and news articles is of course encouraged and welcomed.

PE days/kits

Beech: Monday and Tuesday

Maple and Willow: Monday and Friday

Please ensure that your child arrives wearing their PE kits on these days.

PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, trainers, dark jogging bottoms/dark shorts and a sweatshirt (no hoodies). No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and these must be removed for all PE activities as it is not acceptable to use tape to cover earrings. We would therefore advise that children leave any earrings at home on their PE day. Long hair must be tied back.

Example weekly timetable:

W/B 6.1.2026								
	8:50 -9:10	9:15 – 9:30	9:30-9:55	9:55 – 10:50	10:50 – 11:05	11:05 – 12:30	12:30 – 13:30	13:30 – 13:45
Mon	Vocab Study (GR)	Assembly KS2 Hall	PE and GR and Spelling (5M and 5B) GR and English (5W)		BR EA K	Maths	Gram mar Group s	English (5M and 5B) PE (5W)
	Punctuation in toolkits	Tree Assembly /GR	English					Science – 5W PE – 5B Computing - 5M
Wed	Maths fluency – x table practice /something from the week.	GR	English		BR EA K	Maths	AR	Computing – 5W Science – 5M Geography – 5B
	Handwriting	Arithmetic input (09:05-09:30)		PPA				GR English
Fri	Spelling Test (back of GR books) Guided Reading – Comprehension (5B + 5W) PE – 5M		Maths – 5B PE - 5W GR + Spelling Test - 5M		BR EA K	Computing – 5B Maths – 5M + 5W	AR	Science – 5B Geography – 5M and 5W
								14:45-15:00 SOTW

Blocked subjects: PSHE, Art and DT. Timetable will be adjusted on a weekly basis as necessary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 5 Team