

## English

In English, our work will link to our work in History. We shall be completing writing units based on two books— 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and 'Viking.' These units will allow us to write a narrative as well as a non fiction diary entry. Each week, we shall also have a SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lesson focusing on the Year 5 curriculum. We look forward to the children including these skills in their writing.

## Maths

Our primary focus throughout the Spring term will be fractions, multiplication and division and then shape— working with area and perimeter. We will continue to have a weekly Arithmetic session, to ensure that the children build up their confidence. For your child to maximise their potential, they will need rapid recall of all multiplication facts and their corresponding division facts and I would encourage those, who still find this hard, to log into TT Rock Stars regularly.

## Science

This term we shall be learning about the Earth and space. We shall learn about the Earth's movements as well as the movements of the other planets in our solar system. We shall also learn to describe the movement of the moon in relation to the Earth. We shall use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. The skills we will develop include note making, data collection and taking measurements. As part of our work in Science, we shall be going to Dudley Academies Trust's innovation centre in Birmingham for a 'Space Experience day.' Details of this will be sent home soon. This will be a free trip.



# Year 5

## Our Learning

### Journey

### Spring Term

2026

## Geography

In Geography, the children will discover how mountains are formed, explore different types of mountains around the world, and learn about famous mountain ranges. They will also investigate rivers, understanding their features from source to mouth and how they shape the landscape. Through maps and diagrams, pupils will develop their geographical skills and learn key vocabulary such as 'erosion', 'valley', and 'meander'. The topic will also include looking at how mountains and rivers affect human activity and wildlife. By the end of the unit, the children will have a strong understanding of these important natural features and their role in our world.

## History

Year 5 will be exploring the fascinating world of the Vikings. The children will learn who the Vikings were, where they came from, and why they travelled to Britain. They will investigate Viking life, including their homes, clothing, and daily routines, as well as their reputation as fierce warriors and skilled sailors. Through maps and timelines, pupils will understand how Viking raids and settlements shaped British history. By the end of the unit, the children will have a deeper understanding of how the Vikings influenced our past and what life was like over a thousand years ago.

## French

We shall be learning about festivals in France as well as famous cities and places to visit in France. Alongside this, we shall extend our counting to sixty and learn to give commands. Our French lessons will continue to be taught by your child's class teacher as well as Mrs Turner who is a specialist secondary French teacher.

## Art

We shall learn how to use drawing and painting to develop and share our ideas, experiences and imagination. We shall develop a wide range of art and design techniques by using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. To achieve this, we shall look at works from a range of famous artists. We shall then try our hand at some printing techniques.

## DT

We shall investigate combinations of two different sized pulleys to learn about direction and speed of rotation i.e. how many times the smaller pulley turns in relation to the larger one. Do they move in the same direction? Can the direction be reversed? We will then be learning about gears - when are where they are used and how they work.

## PE

Children will continue to have PE on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons**.

Please remember to have your PE kit in school at all times as there may be occasions where PE lessons have to be moved to a different day. Long hair should be tied back.

Please remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

## Computing

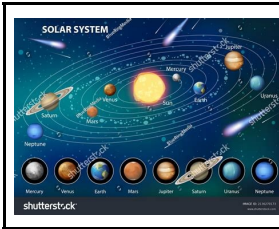
Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills through the use of Purple Mash software. They will learn how to read and write spreadsheets and how to use Game Creator.

## PSHE

We shall continue to follow our Jigsaw scheme of work in PSHE, with lessons involving a lot of discussions, debates and problem solving. Our two topics in PSHE in Spring term will be 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Changing Me.' In *Dreams and Goals*, children will think about their aspirations, learn how to set realistic targets, and explore ways to stay motivated and overcome challenges. They will also discuss teamwork and how to support others in achieving their goals. In *Changing Me*, pupils will learn about the changes that happen as we grow, including physical and emotional changes, and how to manage these confidently.

## RE

Year 5 will be learning about Sikhism. The children will explore why Sikhs wear the 5 Ks and what each of these symbols means in daily life. They will discuss how Sikhs view other religions and learn about the ultimate goal of human life according to Sikh beliefs. Pupils will also hear key stories, such as *Duni Chand and the Silver Needle*, which teach important lessons about



## Important dates—

**Monday 19th January—Viking visitor to school**

**Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March—visits to DAT Innovation Centre in Birmingham to take part in Space days. More details to follow.**

## Homework

Your child will have spellings to learn and these will be tested every other Friday. Please continue to work on their times tables along with their division facts. We set paper homework every Monday for the children to complete at home, alongside online homework on Purple Mash.

## Reading at home

We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books.

## Poetry Recital

Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range— this improves their writing.

Staffing— Miss Kainth will be spending the Spring term in a different school. We wish her lots of luck and look forward to her returning to Kates Hill after February half term

From January to July, Mrs May will be in Magpies class on Monday– Thursday and Mrs Pardoe will be in Magpies class every Friday. Welcome to the team Mrs Pardoe!

**Thank you for your support.**

**Mr Brown, Mrs May, Mrs Pardoe and Miss Kainth**