



Year 5 Learning

Autumn

Welcome to Year 5, where we say that “**we are seekers of truth and wonder**”.

We are loving getting to know your children, finding out about their hobbies and interests and learning what makes each child truly shine. This year marks an important step forward as the children continue to deepen their knowledge, tackle more challenging topics and develop the skills that they will carry into Year 6 and beyond. It promises to be a year full of growth, where we nurture each child’s unique strengths, encourage them to dream big and achieve their unique God-given potential.

We look forward to working with you in partnership throughout the year.

This term our whole-school worship focus is on **being a light for all to see**. We can demonstrate this through the **love** that we show each other and through how we **aspire** to achieve our very best.



Autumn Term Project – Create: “What is revealed in the light?”

We will be responding to this question in both literal and metaphorical ways, using art as a medium of communicating and expressing this. This project will have close links with our Faith and Wonder curriculum for this term, thinking specifically about the concepts of creation, incarnation and salvation.

- Our key concepts this term are **illumination, revelation, perception** and **message**
- We will be developing our skills in **drawing, painting, collage** and **3D modelling**
- We will explore genres such as impressionism, stained-glass windows, sculpture and shadow puppetry
- We will be working with a range of media, including pencil, paint, card, tissue paper and clay

We will celebrate our learning with ‘Light of the World’, a special Christmas performance that you will be welcome to attend which will build upon our learning in Create, Faith and Wonder, English, Design Technology and Music.

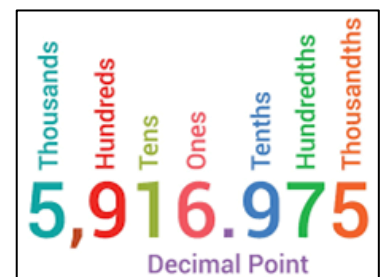


English Learning

Our key English texts for this term are *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl and *Swimming Against the Storm* by Jess Butterworth.

- Explore the themes of the books that we are reading
- Write our own stories inspired by the books that we are reading
- Write our own revolting recipes
- Learn about diary-writing and how we can use this to explore character
- Learn how to write dialogue with correct punctuation
- Plan, draft and edit our own poems
- Learn about how to perform from and write a playscript
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Our guided reading book for this *Featherlight* by Peter Bunzl.



Mathematical Learning

This term we will start by learning about decimal fractions:

- Learning that one can be divided into 10 equal tenths, 100 equal hundredths, and 1000 equal thousandths
- Learning how to write numbers up to three decimal places (e.g. 2.3, 0.579)
- Adding and subtracting with decimals (e.g. $1.49 + 6.8$)
- Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number or nearest tenth
- Using decimals in different situations, including measurement
- Continue our work learning about multiplication and memorising times table facts

After half term we are learning about **money**, **negative numbers** and **short multiplication**:

- Calculating with coins and notes, developing practical skills for everyday money tasks
- Comparing, ordering and calculating with numbers below 0.
- Learn to multiply a 3-digit number by a 2-digit using a formal method

Faith and Wonder Learning

Our big question for the year is “**How might having a faith reveal hidden wonders and guide how a person lives**”.

This half term we will begin to explore this question by asking “What does it mean if God is holy and loving?”.

After half term, we will ask “Was Jesus the Messiah?”



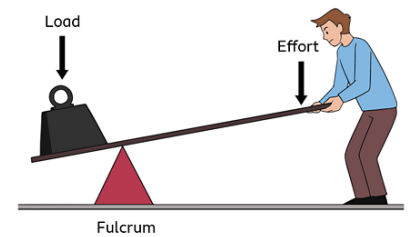
Science Learning

This half term we will be learning about the **life cycles of living things**. We will be learning about:

- How mammals, birds, amphibians and insects grow and change throughout their lives
- Reproduction in some plants and animals
- How humans develop from birth to old age

Next half term, we will be learning about **forces**, including:

- That unsupported objects fall to Earth because of gravity
- Investigating the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction
- Experimenting with how we can use levers, pulleys and gears to allow a small force to have a greater effect



Music Learning

We will be learning about **melody** and **harmony** and how we can combine these together to perform and compose pieces of music. We will also be learning to sing and play in a group in different styles of music from all over the world. Inspired by Indonesian Gamelan music, we will be composing and performing a piece of music for our 'Light of the World' event.



Computing Learning

We will start by looking at how to stay safe online and introducing Sumdog as a fun tool for practising our maths. We will also look at the importance of password security and how to use search engines. After half term, we will be improving our programming skills using the coding Scratch to create a piece of music. We will create a soundtrack using sound blocks and nested loops to repeat a rhythm or pattern.

PE Learning

In our Outdoor PE lessons, we will be learning the skills of invasion games.
In Indoor PE lessons, we will be developing our skills in gymnastics.

PSHE Learning

This half term we will learn how everyday choices can support our physical and emotional wellbeing by exploring nutrition, physical activity and self-regulation. Next half term, we will be investigating our identity, values and relationships by considering how our experiences and beliefs can influence our choices and behaviour.

French Learning

Our French topic this term are *En Famille* – learning how to describe members of our family – and *Les Vêtements* – learning the vocabulary to describe clothing.





How can you help?

Encourage your child to read regularly at home, both independently and to an adult.

- Lots of regular times table testing and quick maths skills following the instructions indicated on the home learning sheets. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- All of this will be on the weekly home learning sheets.

Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Tuesday 8th September – Parents/carers invited to “Meet the Teacher” at 2.30pm
- Tuesday 15th September – Individual Class Photos being taken
- Wednesday 23rd September – School Open Evening (4pm to 6pm)
- Tuesday 29th September – Harvest Festival
- Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October – Parents’ Consultation Meetings

Further dates and information will come out with the weekly school newsletter.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our learning focuses, please let us know.

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