

# Year 5 Spring Term 2025

## Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year, we hope everybody had a lovely break and we wish you and your family all the best for 2025. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us in which we will be exploring a variety of interesting topics.



Firstly, in Art, we will be learning about the artist Paul Cezanne and looking at some of his landscape paintings. The children will then be using a range of media to create their own landscape pictures. In DT, during the second half term, we will be focusing on textiles and sewing.



In English, we will focus on different genres over the term including writing from a viewpoint and biographies. We will continue working on our spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting to consolidate and apply these to our written and creative work. Children will be encouraged, at all times, to use resources to independently review and edit their writing.



In Maths, we will be solving problems including those involving negative numbers and time, as well as learning how to convert between different units of metric measure. As well as consolidating previous learning, we will be extending our knowledge of fractions and introducing decimals and percentages. We will also be learning about graphs and how to interpret and draw them. The children will continue to have fortnightly arithmetic and times tables activities to support their progress across Mathematics.

In our Science lessons, we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and how they can change states. Children will be investigating concepts such as evaporation and freezing in order to understand how states of matter can change e.g. a solid changing into a gas.

In Geography, we will be looking at rainforests around the world, with a particular focus on the Amazon Rainforest. Children will be exploring the layers within a rainforest, as well as the vegetation and animals that survive within this habitat. We will also consider why rainforests are under threat and the issues that are caused because of this.



In Computing, we will be learning about the Mars Rovers and how data is sent through space. We will also look at binary code, completing a number of activities incorporating this.

In R.E, we will be learning about Sikhism and the Easter Story in Christianity.



For P.E we will be working on our target, striking and fielding skills - we will do this through a range of sports such as archery, kurling and netball. Please remember your P.E kits. P.E will usually take place on a Tuesday; although this may be changed at short notice, so please keep a kit in school. PE or Swimming will continue to take place on a Monday. You will receive a separate communication about this if your child is taking part in swimming this term.

### **PE Kit**

Children can bring dark coloured jogging top and bottoms for outside P.E sessions. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions (including for swimming) and they must remove their earrings and have a hair band to tie up long hair for safety reasons.

### **Homework**

Homework will be sent home on a Monday - this will consist of times tables practice, spellings and reading. We will be monitoring the online learning to make sure children are completing these tasks and will continue to test children on their spellings every Monday.

It is important that your child reads at home. We recommend that this is for at least 15 minutes a day, however the minimum expectation is at least 3 times a week. Please ensure their diary is signed by an adult or by the child themselves to say that this has been completed outside of school.

Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to us after school or contact us via Class Dojo.

**Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hutson**