

Curriculum Letter for Year 5 - Autumn Term 2 2025

General Information

We have an exciting term ahead of us, as we look forward to taking part in some enrichment opportunities in the local community this term. Year 5 children will go on a local walk around Enfield Town for our geography unit and will take part in Parliament Week from 24th November with Year 6.

Some boys will also take part in our Reading Mentor project with Y10 students from Enfield Grammar School.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term the pupils will focus on understanding multiples, factors & squares. They will be exploring mental strategies for multiplication & division and select appropriate strategies to solve problems. The pupils will also be using and explaining multiplication and division methods. All children should now have a reasonable recall of times table facts to support them with this. Please ensure your child is practising and mastering them. Finally, we will end the term investigating area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and estimate area of 'non-rectilinear' shapes.

English: We will start the half term with a mystery novel by J.T Williams, *The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger*. The story is set in Georgian London and follows the burgeoning friendship and investigation of Lizzie and Belle, who are determined to solve this mystery. Lessons will include creating posters, writing formal letters, creating dialogue and a fact file about the significance of the Somerset ruling. The main outcome of this unit will be to write a magazine article summarising the events of the story.

Science: This half term our unit is *Let's Get Moving*. In this unit, the children learn about forces and machines. They start with the force of gravity then study friction forces, including air and water resistance, before investigating how simple machines work.

Geography: Our unit will be '*Changes in our Local Environment*'. We will think about how our country is changing. Focusing on our local area, Enfield, we will look at how our area has looked in the past, present and the change we expect to see in the future.

DT: We will be looking at mechanical systems in our Design and Technology lessons. Pupils will create a functional four-page pop-up storybook, using levers, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms. They will test them by reading them to their Y1 buddies closer to the Christmas holidays.

Computing: In this unit, *Online Safety*, children will learn about email safety, the importance of strong passwords and learn how to create them. They will build on their knowledge of plagiarism and will scrutinise photographs that they see online and learn how easy it is to manipulate pictures and present them as reality.

Music: Our music unit for this term is *Classroom jazz*. The children will also be using glockenspiels, recorders and British Sign Language to accompany songs and learn about key jazz styles such as Bossa Nova and Swing.

RE: We will be exploring a unit on Wisdom, focusing on the questions: Why is wisdom important? What wisdom can you offer and from where does this wisdom come? We will finish the half term exploring a unit

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called 'How do art and music convey Christmas?' This involves exploring similarities and differences of how artists and musicians express their beliefs related to the Nativity narrative.

PSHE: We will focus on Citizenship to link with Parliament Week. In this unit, pupils will understand what happens when someone breaks the law. They will know what rights are and that freedom of expression is one of these rights. They will have a greater understanding of their place in society and understand British values. Parliament Week will take place with the Year 6 pupils.

French: This half term we will learn how to say the days of the week and months of the year. After that we will revise our numbers and learn the French for the numbers 21-31. Next, we will explore how to identify the date and tell when our birthday is.

Class Reads: We will continue *The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger* by J.T. Williams.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Thursdays. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on: **5B Mondays** and **5W Wednesdays**. Indoor PE kits will stay in school.

Reading and Spellings

Reading at home: Children may read a book from home or school. Their reading record must be brought home daily and be acknowledged by an adult at home weekly.

Reading at school: Children may pick a book from the class selection or from home. Reading records should be updated daily by the pupil and will be checked by staff weekly.

Spellings: We will be looking at the Year 5/6 spelling list by sending home 5 words each week to learn. The children will be tested on the 5 words at the end of each week.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *Microsoft Teams* and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on the work set on *Teams*.

Key Dates

w/c 10 th November	Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day (Mon 10 th)
13 th November	Michael Rosen Day
14 th November	PTA Disco (after school)
18 th November	Parents' meetings (5B)
19 th November	Parents' meetings (5W)
20 th November	Parents' meetings (5B & 5W)
w/c 24 th November	Parliament Week
5 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre after school
19th December	End of term 2:00 p.m.
5 th January	Start of Spring term