

Year 5 Parent Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2026-2027		Welcome back. We trust you had a restful holiday and that the children are looking forward to an exciting programme of lessons in the Autumn Term.
English	Our focus for English is to encourage enthusiasm and enjoyment of writing across all genres. Poetry – The children will explore a range of poetry and write poems based on the colour green. Fiction – As a stimulus, we will be using the book 'Wisp: A Story of Hope' to inspire a setting description. The children will base the first part of their description in a bleak setting, whilst the second part will be a setting representative of a hopeful place that their 'wisp' would take them to. Non-fiction – The children will write an information text about the fictional planet of Pandora. They will be immersed in the world of Pandora and create their own Pandoran insect. Within their information text, the children will write about their creature's anatomy, diet and habitat.	
Mathematics	Topic areas that will be covered include place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and fractions. The addition and subtraction unit includes rounding to check answers and using the column method. The fractions unit includes converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers, adding and subtracting fractions, and adding and subtracting mixed numbers.	
Science	We begin this term with a study of 'Earth and Beyond'. We will focus on the Earth, Sun, Moon and other planets that form our solar system. The children will learn facts relating to the Earth, Sun and Moon such as orbits, phases of the moon, and night and day. In the second half of the term, we will start our topic of 'Forces'. The children will learn about gravity, identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, and understand that force can be transferred through gears, levers and pulleys.	
Computing	In computing we will be learning about physical programming. The children will use the LEGO EV3 programming environment to explore the concept of selection in programming. They will be introduced to a microcontroller (LEGO EV3 controller) and learn how to connect and program it. E-safety – Further develop knowledge about keeping safe online throughout the year.	
P.S.H.E.	We begin this term with 'Being Me in My World'. This unit of work will focus on how to face new challenges positively, understanding rights and responsibilities as a citizen, and understanding how an individual's behaviour can impact a group. In the second half of the term, we will look at 'Celebrating Differences', which will focus on understanding how different cultures, racism and bullying can sometimes cause conflict. The children will also begin to learn strategies to help manage their feelings in this situation.	
History & Geography	Our geography focus is Mountains, which will focus on mountain formations around the world. The children will learn about the features of a mountain, how mountains are formed, what a mountainous climate is, and the positive and negative effects of mountain tourism. Our history focus after half term is Ancient Greeks. We will be looking at who the Ancient Greeks were as a civilization and the different types of government in Ancient Greece. They will also learn about what life was like in Ancient Greece, with a focus on the role played by the gods and goddesses, as well as how modern day life has been influenced by this ancient civilization.	
Art Design & Technology	In design and technology, the children will be designing and making a roll-up pencil case. They will be practicing their sewing skills, including using joining techniques and adding a fastener. In art after half term, the children will be introduced to still life art through a study of the work of Frida Kahlo. They will practice how to sketch while looking at objects in front of them, and use a range of techniques to add effects to their drawings, e.g. shadows, hatching, finger smudging. The children will use soft chalk pastels to create their final still life pieces.	
P.E.	In PE our units are Autumn Games, football, tag rugby and basketball/netball. We will be focusing on a range of skills including developing teamwork, discipline and coordination.	
R.E.	We start the year by focusing on 'why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?' where we will examine ideas of religious freedom by exploring historical and modern examples of individuals who stood up for their beliefs. After half term the focus will be on investigating why Christian worship looks different across the world.	
Music	In music we will be following the Charanga scheme of work. The first unit will be focused on 'Make you Feel my Love' by Adele. This unit will provide the children with opportunities to listen and appraise, sing, play instruments, improvise, compose and perform.	
French	In French, pupils will work on the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, along with pronunciation and grammar. Our first unit is 'En Classe', where they will learn about agreement of masculine/feminine nouns, possession by using my instead of a/an, and how to say they do not have something. In the second half of this term, our unit is 'Au Salon de The'. The children will learn food and drink that might be found in a French café, and how to order.	
Enrichment activities	Bikeability – week commencing 14th September History Off the Page Ancient Greeks Workshop – Wednesday 11th November	