YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWS
AUTUMN TERM 2
2026

English – As readers and writers, our topic in English is Belonging and Equality. As writers, the children will write for a range of purposes and styles to support their learning and understanding of 'Freedom Bird' by Jerdine Nolan. They will explore the themes of freedom and equality through poems, dialogues, postcards, letters, recounts, and narratives. The children will use Raymond Brigg's classic 'The Snowman' to write in role, create dialogue, and write poetry.

Maths – As mathematicians, we will begin by finishing of multiplication and division lessons and look at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will then move on to our first fractions unit; finding equivalent fraction, converting fractions and ordering and comparing fractions. Finally, we will look at adding and subtracting different types of fractions.

Science – As scientists, we will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be describing the movement of the Earth, moon and other planets relative to the sun in our solar system and we will be using the idea of the Earth's rotations to explain day and night.

RE – As contemplators, our big question this term is: Why is Muhammed (PBUH) known as the Seal Prophet? The children will be learning about the life of Muhammed and the spread of Islam around the globe. They will also be exploring the Qur'an through investigating the meaning of some passages.

History/Geography – As historians, we will be completing the history topic: What was life like in Tudor England? The children will learn some of the history surrounding Henry VIII and the birth of the Church of England. The children will also learn about daily life in Tudor times.

Art and Design/Design Technology – As artists, we will be completing an art and design unit called 'Drawing: I need space'. We will begin by exploring space imagery and its purpose and effect before exploring the decision making in creative processes. We will look at the picture 'Moonwalk' by Teis Albers and develop ideas through print making before testing and developing ideas using sketchbooks. Finally, we will then revisit our ideas and try to improve upon them.

PE – As athletes, we will be taking part in a range of alternative sports focusing on our skills, gameplay and teamwork. We will also be practicing and improving our athletics.

PSHE – As thinkers, this term we will be continuing our families and relationships topic. We will begin by understanding the concept of marriage before moving on to understanding about family life and family relationships. As part of Anti-bullying week which starts on the week beginning the 16th November we will be understanding more about bullies and how to get help if needed.

Computing – As computer scientists, we will be looking at data handling and using excel to create images and calculate distances. We will then be completing an online safety unit looking at health, well-being and lifestyle.

Spanish – As linguists, we will learn about how Christmas is celebrated in Spain and learn the song Feliz Navidad. We will design and write a Christmas card in Spanish.

Music – As musicians, we will be listening to a range of music inspired by space, ranging from classical to pop. After analysing the music, we will then create our own space music using ostinatos and layering to build our compositions. We will also be preparing for our Christmas service at St Michael's church.