

Y5 Spring 2 Curriculum Map 2026

Literacy

This term, children will develop reading and writing skills through fiction, non-fiction and poetry, including *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

During this term, children will:

- Read and discuss *Kensuke's Kingdom*
 - Write clear explanation texts
- Develop inference and comprehension skills
 - Explore and write free verse poetry
- Use Year 5 grammar and punctuation accurately
 - Plan, edit and improve their writing

Literacy lessons build confident reading and effective writing skills.



Maths

This term, children will continue to follow a mastery approach to mathematics, building fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills through practical and visual learning.

During this term, children will:

- Use coordinates in all four quadrants
- Describe and apply translations and reflections
- Understand and use negative numbers in context
 - Calculate intervals across zero
- Use mathematical language to explain movement and position
- Apply reasoning skills to solve increasingly complex problems

Teaching continues to focus on clear explanation, mathematical discussion and confident application of skills.



Geography

This term, children will study the United Kingdom, developing their understanding of its physical and human geography.

During this term, children will:

- Locate the UK, its countries and capital cities
- Identify counties, towns and cities
- Explore physical features such as mountains, rivers and coasts
- Learn about seas surrounding the UK
- Understand how rivers flow from source to sea
- Use maps and atlases to investigate places

Lessons build map skills, geographical vocabulary and understanding of the UK.

DT

This term, children will focus on Structures, designing and making a Viking long ship. They will develop their skills in researching, designing, making and evaluating a functional model.

During this term, children will:

- Research Viking long ships and understand their purpose and design
- Investigate how materials such as card and paper can be strengthened and made to float
- Generate and develop design ideas using annotated sketches
- Assemble, join and combine materials accurately to construct a model long ship
- Consider historical accuracy and functionality in their designs
 - Evaluate the finished product and suggest improvements

DT lessons encourage creativity, problem-solving and careful evaluation of design choices.

Science

This term, children will study Properties and Changes of Materials, developing their scientific knowledge through practical investigations and enquiry-based learning.

During this term, children will:

- Compare and group materials based on properties such as hardness, transparency and magnetism
- Investigate thermal and electrical conductors and insulators
- Explore dissolving, solubility and how to recover materials from solutions
- Learn how to separate mixtures using filtering, sieving, magnetism and evaporation
- Understand the difference between reversible and irreversible changes
- Plan and carry out fair tests, recording results using scientific language and diagrams

Science lessons focus on hands-on investigation, clear explanation and developing strong scientific thinking skill

RE

This term, children will study Christianity, focusing on Lent, Holy Week and Easter through the LDBS RE syllabus. Lessons explore key beliefs, events and their meaning for Christians.

During this term, children will:

- Learn about the key events of Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- Understand why Easter is important to Christians
- Explore how Christians worship during this time
- Discuss themes such as sacrifice, forgiveness and new life

Reflect on how beliefs influence behaviour

RE lessons encourage thoughtful discussion and respectful understanding of faith and belief.



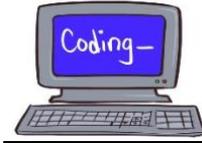
Computing

This term, children will follow the Purple Mash computing scheme, developing their digital skills, creativity and understanding of online safety.

During this term, children will:

- Use coding to create and debug simple programs
- Create digital content such as presentations, animations or data handling projects
- Develop problem-solving and logical thinking skills
- Learn how to use technology responsibly and safely online
- Improve typing, editing and presentation skills using a range of digital tools

Computing lessons support confidence, independence and safe use of technology across the curriculum.



RHSE

This term, children will follow the Discovery Education Health and Relationships programme, focusing on caring and responsibility. Lessons help pupils understand how their actions affect themselves and others.

During this term, children will:

- Learn what it means to be caring and responsible in relationships
- Understand responsibilities within families, friendships and the wider community
- Recognise the importance of empathy, kindness and respect
- Explore how to make responsible choices and consider consequences
- Develop skills to communicate feelings and resolve difficulties positively

PE:

This term, children will develop physical skills, teamwork and confidence through a range of sports and activities.

During this term, children will:

- Improve coordination, balance, agility and overall fitness
- Develop skills in games, including teamwork and applying rules
- Build strength, stamina and flexibility through regular activity
- Reflect on performance and set personal goals
- Take part in weekly swimming lessons every Thursday, developing swimming skills and water safety

PE lessons promote enjoyment of physical activity and healthy lifestyle

Destination Reader Sessions:

Children take part in regular Destination Reader sessions, which support the development of strong reading comprehension skills and a love of reading. These sessions follow a clear structure that includes teacher modelling, partner discussion and independent reading.

During Destination Reader sessions, children will:

- Read a range of high-quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry
- Learn and practise key reading strategies such as predicting, inferring, clarifying and summarising
- Discuss texts with partners and the class to deepen understanding
 - Use reading vocabulary to explain and justify their ideas
 - Build confidence, fluency and enjoyment in reading

Destination Reader helps children become thoughtful, confident readers who can talk about and understand what they read.

Homework

Homework is given out every **Friday** and should be returned by **Tuesday**. This includes **weekly spellings** and a short task linked to learning across the curriculum. Homework helps reinforce class learning and build good study routines.

Trips and other events:

- **Easter Service**
- **Swimming on a weekly basis (Thursday)**