

Curriculum Overview for Year 5 and 6 - Term 3

English:

During this term, we will also be using our new novel, *The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen*, as a stimulus for our own piece of narrative writing. We will also use the events in the novel to write a letter of complaint from the viewpoint of the lead character, Ade. We will develop our spoken language skills by performing a speech to an audience.

Maths:

In our Maths learning, we will look at multiplication and division strategies. Furthermore, we will look at fractions and the four operations. In order to develop our speed of recall, we will also continue to focus on working on our times table knowledge as a strong understanding of the multiplication tables will help in the trickier aspects of fractions.

Science:

During our unit on Earth and Space, we are learning about the celestial bodies within the solar system and their orbit, how day and night occurs, how the seasons work and we will look at how space junk poses a problem.

Religious Education:

Our new topic poses the question 'What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?'. We will study key Jewish beliefs about God, why the Torah is important, how commandments in the Torah affect how a Jewish person lives their lives.

History:

We will be asking: 'What was life like in Tudor England?' as we explore and learn about the events of the Tudor period including Henry VIII and his wives, how to use sources like a historian and the legacy that the Tudor period has left behind, such as the start of the Church of England.

Physical Education:

As our swimming coaching sessions come to an end, we will begin to look at fitness and how we can improve our fitness levels. In our lessons, we will look at devising a fitness routine that could benefit our health. Our new PE day will be Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that you child has the appropriate PE (including suitable footwear) in school for these days.

Other Curriculum Areas:

In D&T, we will be looking at developing a recipe – expect some fantastic bolognese recipes to come home! In PSHE, we will learn about safety – including online safety – and the changing body. In Computing, we are studying how information is sent to Earth from the Mars Rover. In French, we are looking at French clothing and in Music we shall study musical theatre.

Key Dates and Information:

Year 5/6 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 24th February 2026 and Wednesday 25th February 2026.

SATs Week for Year 6: Monday 11th May 2026 – Thursday 14th May 2026.

Residential for Year 5 and 6: 10th June 2026 – 12th June 2026. Deposit payments are due by the end of January to secure places.