



February – April 2026

Hello there!

We hope you had a lovely holiday and enjoyed spending time with your families.

This half-term, we have another busy and fun filled curriculum in Year 5, full of exciting learning opportunities for your children. We will be exploring the topic of 'Oceans'.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy half term in Year 5 and would like to share an overview of what the children will be learning.

This Half Term in Year 5

English

Children will be writing newspaper recounts, learning how to report events clearly and effectively. They will practise key Year 5 grammar, including relative clauses, parenthesis, modal verbs, and the past-perfect tense.

Maths

Pupils will complete their learning on fractions before moving on to decimals and percentages. They will also explore measurement, focusing on perimeter and area through problem solving activities.

Science

Our topic is *Living Things and Life Cycles*. Children will learn about reproduction in animals, including mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, as well as reproduction in flowering and non-flowering plants.

Geography

Children will be learning about the world's oceans. They will locate and name the oceans and explore their features and importance to the planet.

Computing

Pupils will continue developing their 3D modelling skills using Purple Mash. They will learn how to create 3D objects, leading to a final 3D spacecraft design.

Music

Children will explore a range of musical styles, moods, and genres linked to our Life Cycles topic. They will listen to, discuss, and create music inspired by change and growth.

PE

In PE, children will develop teamwork and coordination through volleyball. They will also take part in outdoor adventure activities, including orienteering.

PSHE

Children will explore how friends can communicate safely. This includes learning about safe online communication and respectful ways to talk with others.

MFL

Modern Foreign Languages are taught by a specialist teacher who follows their own curriculum, focusing on developing language skills in an engaging way.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic half term ahead.

Please can you make sure that you sign your child's reading record at least 3 times a week in order to have their book changed.

PE

TuYouYou: PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

Alex Holland Class: PE days are Thursday and Friday

Please continue to send your children to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that this is a plain black shirt and black shorts or joggers/leggings. As we are still in the colder months, we would also recommend a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or message us on Class Dojo.

Important Dates:

- Monday 23rd February – School reopens for the Spring term.
- March 2nd – 11th - Bikeability



- Wednesday 11th March – CPD Day
- 17th & 18th March - IntoUniversity

You can help by:

Supporting your child with regular practice at home makes a big difference to their progress in school. We encourage children to spend time on **TT Rockstars** to build confidence and fluency with times tables, as well as using **IXL** to practise and revisit key maths and English skills linked to our learning in class.

Reading at home is also incredibly important. Through our **Reading Ravers** initiative, children are encouraged to read regularly and talk about what they have read. Listening to your child read aloud, discussing the text, and asking questions about characters, events, and vocabulary all help to deepen understanding and enjoyment.

Please ensure your child completes their weekly homework tasks, which are carefully linked to current or upcoming learning. Finally, regular practice of personalised spellings will help children become more confident and accurate writers. Thank you for your continued support at home 😊

Many thanks,

Mr Kerrigan and Mr Cliff

The Year 5 Team