



Year 5/6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

What will we be learning?

English	Children will be applying their knowledge from previous years and new learning to write an endurance narrative and biography based on the book 'Shackleton's Journey' before exploring the book 'The Origins of Species' and writing a discovery narrative and an explanation text.
Maths	We will begin with a focus on number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction, multiplication and division then fractions this term.
Science	In our topic 'Evolution and Inheritance' we will explore different organisms, understanding the importance of evolution before looking at the work of naturalists.
History	Tudor England is our area of learning in history. What happened in the War of the Roses? Who were Henry VIII wives? What was the impact of Queen Elizabeth I?
Geography	We will learn about rainforests: locating and then investigating their importance to the environment before thinking about the human impact and making positive changes.
RE	In RE, we will be learning about Justice and Freedom. This children will explore and explain how justice is significant in the stories from religions and in secular life.
PE	We will begin this term by developing power and speed in athletics as well as teamwork in netball and bench ball before moving on to gymnastics and inclusion games.
Art	This term we will develop drawing and painting skills as we create self-portraits.
DT	Our focus is on preparing food this term. We will investigate different biscuits before creating our own Christmas ginger biscuits.
Music	Children will learn about swing-style jazz and some of the most renowned big band leaders of 1930s and 1940s America. We will explore rhythm work, as well as creating and improvising off-beat rhythm patterns and melodies.
Computing	Our focus to begin with will be on networks and exploring how these work before learning how to use code to program the Micro:bits.
PSHE	This term we will focus on ourselves in the unit 'being me in my world' and explore diversity through our topic 'celebrating difference'.
French	Our focus for this term will be clothes. The children will learn new words for items of clothing and use French phrases to explain what they are wearing. ('Je porte...')

Dates for your diary...

Monday 15th September @5pm - Year 6 residential meeting I
 Thursday 25th September- Bikability begins for Y5
 Monday 6th October – flu vaccinations
 Friday 10th October @ 9:30am – Harvest Festival in church
 Wednesday 15th October – individual photos
 Friday 17th October @ 3pm Mrs Wood's class worship
 Tuesday 21st October – Parents' Evening
 Friday 24th October @ 3pm – Headteacher's Awards
 Friday 24th October – break up for Half Term
 Monday 3rd November – Training Day
 Tuesday 4th November – Children return to school
 Tuesday 11th November @ 10:30am – Remembrance Service in church
 Friday 14h November – Children In Need
 Friday 21st November @ 3pm Miss Davis' class worship
 Friday 12th December @ 3pm – Headteacher's Awards
 Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
 Thursday 18th December – Christmas Parties
 Friday 19th December @ 9:30am Christmas church service
 Friday 19th December pm – Whole school pantomime trip
 Monday 5th January – all children return to school

Ideas to support learning at home...

- Hear your child reading their reading book three times per week
- Practise your child's spellings with them throughout the week
- Practise chanting the times table your child is working on and recalling the facts out of order.
- Use Google Earth to explore the different parts of the world – look at aerial views and zoom into some of the different places looking at different biomes.
- Use books or the internet to look at how things have evolved over the years.
- Watch some of the Planet Earth series together looking at rainforests.
- Try some different biscuits and practise making some of your own flavours- you could try them out on the whole family.
- Create portraits of your family using a range of media- e.g. pencil, paint or pastels.
- Visit Burton Constable Hall and grounds or other places from the Tudor era and travel back into the Tudor times.