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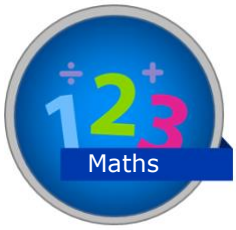
Year 5 Curriculum News

Summer TERM 2025-2026



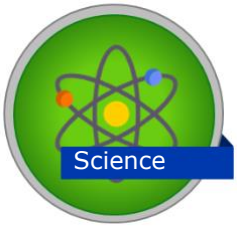
English

This term, the children will begin studying two exciting new texts: The Book of Adventures and King Kong. Our learning will include exploring themes of survival and adventure, inspired by Surviving the Wild, alongside developing key writing skills through report writing and balanced arguments. We will analyse characters, settings and events in depth to support the children in producing high-quality independent writing for different audiences and purposes. In grammar, we will deepen our understanding of how commas can be used to avoid ambiguity, strengthen our knowledge of different clauses within sentences, and ensure that core spelling, punctuation and grammar skills are secure in preparation for next year. A final focus this term will be editing, where children will learn how to improve their work effectively through strategies such as anchor point editing, peer and group editing, and teacher-led feedback.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be developing our mathematical understanding through the study of decimals, angles, geometry and units of measure. Our work on decimals will focus on building confidence when adding and subtracting numbers with decimal places, as well as applying these skills to solve a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In geometry, children will explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, lines, symmetry and position. During our angles unit, children will learn practical skills such as accurately measuring and drawing angles using a protractor, as well as using their knowledge of angle rules and formulae to calculate missing angles in a variety of contexts. Towards the end of the term, we will be learning about different units of measure, including length, mass, capacity and time, and converting between them where appropriate. Any opportunities for practical measuring experiences at home, such as cooking, weighing or reading scales, would be extremely beneficial in supporting this learning.



Science

Our Science topics for the Summer term are Living Things and their Habitats and Animals, including Humans. In our first topic, children will learn about a range of living things, including flowering and non-flowering plants, mammals, birds, amphibians and insects. They will explore how plants and animals are classified, investigate different habitats and food chains, and compare the life cycles of a variety of species. As part of this learning, children will also undertake research into significant naturalists and animal behaviourists who have helped us to understand the natural world. In our second topic, Animals, including Humans, children will focus on how mammals, including humans, change and develop over time. This will include learning about the stages of growth and changes during puberty.



Topic

For our topic work in the Summer term, we will be exploring the question: What makes people go on a journey? In our History lessons, children will investigate five very different types of journeys and the reasons behind them. These will include learning about the voyages of Sir Francis Drake, the journey and legacy of the Titanic, and the experiences of those who travelled to Britain as part of the Windrush generation. Children will consider the motivations, challenges and impact of these journeys on people and society. In Geography, we will focus on Our Blue Planet and climate change, exploring the importance of oceans and seas, the effects of pollution, global warming and environmental change, and the ways in which we can all help to protect our planet for the future.



Additional Information

PE lessons are on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term and will focus on the follow sports; cricket, tennis, athletics and basketball.
We have two school outings planned; one is a trip to the Living Rainforest and the other is a Geography Fieldwork trip to Amersham Field Centre.