Curriculum Overview for Year 5 – Autumn Term 1 2026

Learning Project:

Who am I?

Geography

Linking to our topic of 'Who am I?', we will be learning about the United Kingdom and comparing London to the Scandinavian city of Oslo. We will do this whilst working on our map and atlas skills and learning about longitude and latitude. In addition, we will explore the physical and human features in London and Oslo.

Science

Our topic in science will be 'Animals including humans'. We will be identifying the different stages of the human life cycle from foetus through to old age. We will look at each stage in detail and learn about puberty, which occurs during adolescence.



Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each week on a **Friday** with the expectation that it will be returned to school by **Wednesday**. Children will receive a short task to complete for English and Maths, as well as spellings and times tables to learn.

Creative home learning tasks are optional and due in on the last week of each half term. Your child's Times Table Rockstars log in will be stuck into the front of their homework book.

English

This half term, we will be learning how to write a biography, exploring the key language features, purpose and audience of our biographies before drafting and editing. We will focus on an inspiring British figure relating to our book '*Young, Gifted and Black*'.

In whole class reading, we will be reading the book '*There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom*', leading to our second writing outcome, which will be a diary entry in the role of the main character.



We will have a weekly designated spelling lesson where we learn a new spelling rule and test the previous week's spellings.

It is expected that children read at home every day for 30 minutes. Reading records should be brought in every **Wednesday** to be checked. Each week, the pupils will select a certain question to focus their comments on.

Physical Education

From **Monday 12th October**, Year 5 will be participating in an intensive swimming course, with sessions happening daily for two weeks.

Computing

This half term, we will be using the Scratch coding programme to plan, create and debug our own computer game.

All children will also be reminded how to use SeeSaw, an interactive learning platform.

Art

This half term, we are exploring depth, emotion and movement. We will experiment with expressive and gestural marks to capture movement, communicate emotion, and use shading to create depth. We will plan and create a printing plate, considering composition and using a combination of marks to create tone and depth.

PSHE



In PSHE, we will be revisiting our 'Back to Green' programme and discussing our emotions and how to manage them. We will then be learning about the media. We will explore how advertising messages can sometimes be misleading; how role models are presented by the media; and the portrayal of body image in the media.

Maths

This half term, Year 5 will start by securing their knowledge of place value before moving to a focus on written and mental methods for problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will end the half term by building on our knowledge of telling the time and solving word problems involving time.

Progress will be monitored closely with termly assessments which allow teaching to develop and support each child in the classroom. Daily times tables practice is strongly advised: it is important that children are confident in their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Music

We are learning to play string instruments in Year 5! Comets will learn the cello and Planetoids will learn the violin. We will pluck the strings and use the bow to make different sounds, building up to a Year 5 Strings Concert at the end of the Autumn term.

Religious Education



This half term, we will be exploring why Christianity doesn't always look the same. We will be recognising different religious beliefs and investigating why Christian worship looks different across the world when key beliefs are the same.

Y5 Comets class teacher: Ms O'Brien Y5 Planetoids class teacher: Ms Billingsley Class-based Learning Educator: Ms Edwards

SEN Educators: Mr Persaud, Ms Keane, Ms Rutherford

Curriculum Overview for Year 5 – Autumn Term 1 2026

Y5 Comets class teacher: Ms O'Brien Y5 Planetoids class teacher: Ms Billingsley Class-based Learning Educator: Ms Edwards

SEN Educators: Mr Persaud, Ms Keane, Ms Rutherford