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Dear Parents/ Carers,

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We want to provide you with an **overview** of the year 5 curriculum is to ensure you know what your child will be studying and how you can support us so that the pupils get the most out of their school experiences.

Maths

The main focus of mathematics teaching in year 5 is to extend pupils' understanding of the number system and to calculate with large numbers and decimals. There is an emphasis on understanding fractions, decimals and percentages and the links between these. The work will be designed so that pupils tackle a wide range of increasingly complex problems and choose challenges to suit their abilities and confidence levels.

English

Reading continues to be a huge priority in year 5 with pupils spending the first lesson of the day exploring texts from our 'Language and Literacy' scheme. Pupils also have a group reading session once a week to engage in a novel with their teacher. To develop writing, pupils will study well-written novels and other texts to develop their understanding of audience, purpose and the writer's craft. Pupils will have spellings to learn each week.

Science

In Science, pupils are taught by a specialist teacher in our school laboratory. Through a wide range of activities and experiments, pupils learn to develop their science knowledge and build a range of working scientifically skills. Topics covered will include: 'Forces', 'Living things and their Habitats' and 'Earth & Space'.

Computing

We are utilising technology across all subjects and are developing children's skills to research and present information in different ways. The children will learn to use technology responsibly and how to report any concerns as part of **Online-Safety** lessons. We will also teach how to search and investigate databases with a link to maths and how to programme software.



Ambitious young minds are the future leaders of our community



Humanities

Our Humanities themes have either a history or geography focus depending on the topic. The projects included in year 5 are: 'The Ancient civilisations in Egypt. Pupils will have a range of experiences, visitors and project work to complete for each topic.

RE/ Philosophy

Our Religious Education curriculum is taught through a context of philosophy. Key philosophical skills of listening, questioning, reasoning and explaining are developed through exploring big questions, learning about a number of different beliefs and religions. Pupils tackle big ideas such as 'Is equality fair' by exploring different viewpoints from contexts around the world.

Art & Design

The pupils in year 5 have a dedicated art lesson every week taught by a specialist. They learn about expressing ideas in different ways and link work to their humanities topics.

P.E.

5A and 5Alpha will have lessons on **Wednesday afternoons** taught by specialist teachers. They will be taught how to develop their skills and tactics in a range of sports. Appropriate P.E. kit should be worn on Wednesdays.

French -Year 5 pupils are starting Modern Foreign Language Learning. The focus this term will be on speaking: learning to ask questions and respond with information about themselves. Learning about French culture will be included in the lessons.

Home-School support

The Year 5 curriculum is very demanding for our children; you can help in three very important ways.

- Firstly, by **reading** with your child or ensuring they have read their book and you have checked and signed their reading diary every day. Reading is a massive priority for us and is proven to help pupils progress in all subjects.
- Secondly, by ensuring they have a quiet and dedicated time to complete a few short **homework** tasks each week. These are designed to support the work from lessons and should not take a long time to complete.
- Thirdly and perhaps most importantly, by encouraging your child and being positive about school. Ensure they have excellent **attendance** and are well-prepared for their day.
- We believe that **reading** is the **most important** skill children learn at school. It is expected that children read at home **at least four times a week**. The class with the **most pupils reading at home** will be rewarded with an **additional playtime** each week. There are also **Bronze, Silver and Gold** awards to be won!

We greatly appreciate your support in helping to make school a wonderful experience for your children.

Year 5A Teacher

Miss Fitch

Year 5Al Teacher

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