

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 5

Spring 2026 Newsletter



Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you have had a very joyous Christmas and a wonderful new year. A huge thanks for all our cards and gifts, they are very much appreciated. Hopefully over the break, you have all had a chance to recharge after a very busy Autumn term and are excited to be back. Below you will find an overview for each area of the curriculum, that we plan to cover this term.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be continuing on formal methods of calculation focusing on multiplication and division. We will then move onto the study of fractions, which will include equivalence, comparing and ordering and finally onto multiplying fractions. We will then develop our understanding further by exploring fractions as decimals and percentages. Finally, we will explore measurement which will focus on converting units, area, volume and capacity.



English

Our English this term, will focus on the exciting text, *Kai and the Monkey King*. This truly wonderful adventure story, will inspire a variety of writing culminating in the creation of a myth. Throughout their learning, the children will build on their understanding how to create an engaging plot line along with how expanded noun phrases and relative clauses can be used to add detail and complexity to a narrative. They will also practice the previously learned grammatical skills, including the use of dialogue to move on the action.



Science

This term, we will be exploring Earth and space, describing the movement of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun. We will also look at how the rotation of the Earth causes regular periods of day and night across the globe. The final part of this unit will study the moon and its own individual orbit around the Earth.



Geography/History

In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus studying Rio in Brazil. We will start by looking at where Rio is located in the world and move on to study some of the physical and human features that make Rio the place it is today. We will also look briefly at tourism in the area.

After half term, our History focus, will be the Vikings. This will follow on chronologically from our study of the Anglo-Saxons last term and show how the invasion of the Vikings permanently changed our country into the Britain we know today.

RE

In this term we are learning about what spiritual pathways to moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures? We will also be exploring when Christians need real wisdom, where do they look for it?



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Art and DT

Art and DT will continue to be alternated each half term. We will begin with a mixed-media unit with the theme of 'Space' and how the space race inspired a whole era of art in the 1950s and 60s. After half term, we will use structures and mechanisms to create pop up books.

PE

This term, the children will continue to have PE on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days and dressed for the changeable weather. PE kit should comprise a light blue t-shirt (with or without logo), blue or black sweatshirt, blue or black shorts, skorts, leggings or joggers.

This term, the first half term units focus on hockey, gymnastics and the second half term we will be doing cricket and dance.



Computing

Before half term, the children will be completing a 'Game Creator' unit. They will plan and design a game before creating it and sharing the game with their friends. After half term, the children will focus on Microsoft Word and how to format text and images along with how to present information in tables.

PSHE

In this half term our PSHE unit is Dreams & Goals. the children share their dreams and goals. They consider jobs that people they know do and reflect on what types of jobs they might like to do when they are older. The children look at the similarities and differences between themselves (and their dreams and goals) and someone from a different culture. After half term we will be learning how to create a 'happy and healthy me' this includes how to make healthy choices and how to keep safe.



Music

This term, we look forward to welcoming a new specialist music teacher, Mrs. Marshall, who will be teaching music across the school. We know that she is very much looking forward to providing lots of performing and composition opportunities for the children to learn in a very practical way.



Further information

Homework: We are continuing to ask parents and carers to work on times tables / division facts, spelling and reading at home. Please see the homework pack for more information. We have found that 'little and often' with these activities really does have a big impact on so many areas of the children's learning. There is also an optional grid of activities if you wish to do any extra on top of the above. However, please prioritise the reading, spelling and times tables before undertaking any additional tasks.

Naming items: Please do make sure that all items are named including bags, coats and water bottles. This will help us to reunite items with their owner much more quickly. Thank you for your support in this.

We are very much looking forward to an exciting and interesting term with the children, full of fun learning.

Mrs Cole, Mrs Small and Mrs Zenonos