

Year 5 Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term 2026



The Big Question

History 	Autumn 1	Britain after the Romans: How did Christianity survive in the British Isles?
	Autumn 2	Early Islamic Civilisation: How did Baghdad become the 'City of Peace'?
Geography 	Autumn 1	Local and Global: Why are trees and forests important?
	Autumn 2	Natural Resources: What are they, where are they found, why are they important?

Curriculum Enrichment:

Roald Dahl Day – 11th September
 Recycle Week – 14th September
 Languages Day – 25th September (MR)
 Black History Month – October (IL, MR, T, D)
 World Mental Health Day – 9th October (IL, T, MR)
 Remembrance Week – 9th November (IL, T, RL)
 Anti-Bullying Week – 16th November (RL, IL, MR, T, D)
 Road Safety Week – 16th November
 Parliament Week – 23rd November (RL, IL, MR, T, D)



Fabulous Finish

To finish our units of work in a fantastic way we would like to showcase our work. Please see Class Dojo for pictures showing our brilliant work!



British Values and Citizenship:

The Rule of Law (RL) will be promoted through school and class rules. Individual Liberty (IL), Mutual Respect (MR) and Tolerance (T) will be promoted through the curriculum. Electing a School Councilor will promote a sense of Democracy (D).



Dates for your diary:

McMillian Coffee Morning – 25th September
 Reading Inspire workshop – Week beginning 19th October
 Teacher Training Day – 2nd November
 School photographer – 18th November
 Parents' Evening – 9th December



English:

In English this half term we are first looking at the narrative, based on the video 'The Present'. We will then move on to writing a biography linked to Hatsheput. Throughout our English lessons, we will be consolidating our writing skills through using a wide range of literary features and higher-level punctuation.



Maths:

In Maths, we will be revisiting place value and building on our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as exploring fractions.



Homework:

Please read with your child, ideally every day, and write a comment in their reading record. Maths and English homework will be given out every Friday, to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Half-termly homework grids will be given out at the beginning of each half term. The children will also have access to Spelling Shed and weekly tasks will be set to consolidate the skills we have been practicing in our lessons. Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars can also be used to revise mathematical skills.



Term Quick View

Design and Technology 	Autumn 2: Catapults		
Art and Design 	Autumn 1: Lino Printing		
PE 	Outdoor Adventurous Activities: Orienteering (Outdoor)	Invasion Games: Shooting, scoring and denying space in ball games (Indoor)	
Computing 	Quizzing	Databases	Game Creator
Music 	How does music bring us together?	How does music connect us with our past?	
RE 	Christianity – What does it mean for Christians to believe that God is holy and loving?	Islam – What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?	
PSHE / RSE 	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Differences	
French 	On Holiday	Eating Out	
Science 	Properties, Changes and Separating Materials	Forces Including Simple Machines	