



YEAR 5&6 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – SUMMER TERM 2026 – FIRST HALF

Welcome back to Summer 1 – I hope you all had a lovely Easter break! We have got lots of new learning activities planned and I'm looking forward to another busy and exciting half-term.

Key Dates for Yr5/6

Every Tuesday - 6-week programme of Bounce Forward PSHE sessions with Lancashire Mind.

Tuesday 28th April – PSHE Session on Growing up for Year 5. (Separate information letter to be sent in due course).

Monday 4th May – Spring Bank Holiday – School closed.

Friday 22nd May – Break-up for Half-term at 3:30pm

A reminder that every Friday (unless otherwise notified) is our Celebration Worship (9am) where family and friends are invited to our school Worship to celebrate any achievements of children. We also love to see and celebrate the achievements children have had outside of school, so please do send these in for us to share as well!

English Overview

Writing – Our focus genre will be novels and explanation texts based on inventions and inventors! We will be working towards writing our own short story about an invention and creating a hybrid information page for our own Magazine with various text types. The units will involve lots of shared reading of the class text (The Invention of Hugo Cabret) and feature spotting as we explore different texts to help develop our ideas about the structure and language for our own pieces of work.

Reading – As a class, we will be reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' which will feed into our writing about inventions and inventors. In Guided Reading, we will have a different short text to focus on each fortnight, with a mix of fiction and non-fiction. This will help us enhance our comprehension skills.

Grammar – Our focus for this half-term will see us investigate how to make sentences more complex and interesting with relative clauses, causal conjunctions and blending action and description. We will also explore the roles of brackets, commas and dashes to add extra information which will link to and be used in our writing.

Spelling – As well as revising spellings from last half-term and the Year 5/6 Statutory spelling list, we will be introducing some new spelling rules. Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday to be learnt for the test the following Monday. Please check your child's reading record for the spellings and support them, where possible, with learning these at home.

Reading Books

Children will have the opportunity to read in class daily and should also be reading at home. We will continue to operate our weekly 'Reading Stars' scheme whereby every time a child reads at home, and this is signed by an adult in their reading record, they will be entered into a prize draw.

Children will be able to choose/change their school library book weekly on Wednesday's (*Please note new day for this half-term*), however, please don't limit your child to this - If they finish their library book before the following Wednesday, they are most welcome to bring/choose another book/magazine etc. from our school reading area or from home. Our aim is to foster and develop a love for reading so we encourage children to read something that interests them!

Please ensure your child has their reading record in school with them every day.

Maths Overview

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on a range of maths topics including fractions, shape, measurement and statistics. Within these units, we will be revisiting the prior learning and knowledge so children can really embed the skills and apply. If you do get the opportunity to practice times tables with children when they are at home, please do, as it will be very beneficial. As ever, we are hopeful to be able to give our learning a more practical and real-life context by building maths into some of our everyday activities, both in and out of the classroom, especially as the weather (hopefully!) improves.

Other Subjects



Religions Education – Our R.E. for this half-term will focus on Jesus. We will investigate Jesus and what he did as well as how he was portrayed to the people of his time and how he is viewed and remembered now in the Bible.

Science – In Science, our topic is entitled 'Energy: Light and Reflections' which will hopefully tie in well with the brighter weather to enable lots of outdoor exploration about how light travels as well as observing and explaining shadows and reflections.

Geography – Our topic in Geography will focus on designing and carrying out an independent fieldwork enquiry. As a class we will work together to select a local aspect to investigate and then choose methods, undertake data collection out in the local area and evaluate our findings afterwards. This is a really great opportunity for children to showcase the skills they have learnt through the year including for maps, enquiry questions and research methods.

Computing – This half-term, we will be learning about types of data, including understanding QR codes, barcodes and infrared/RIFD technologies.

Music – Music will cover the dynamics, pitch and texture of pieces of music including a focus on a piece entitled 'Coast' which will link well to our Art topic on seascapes.

Art/DT – The focus for the first part of the half-term will be continuing to explore seascapes and associated artists and techniques in order to produce our own abstract seascape as a piece of artwork. Later in the half-term, we will be moving to look at textiles and designing our own soft toy which we will sew from felt with various embellishments and techniques.

Spanish – Following our move to Spanish last year, children will continue to be introduced to the language and this half-term the unit will see us learn about the weather in Spain. By the end of the half-term, we will be able to give the weather forecast by becoming weather presenters!

PSHE – The PSHE this half-term will be delivered by Lancashire Mind as part of a 6-week Bounce Forward programme. This will focus on building resilient minds and positive wellbeing. More information can be found here: [Resilient Minds: Building resilience and wellbeing for young people - Lancashire Mind](#)

Additionally, on 28th April we will also have the Lancashire SCARF PSHE team coming into school to talk to Year 5 about 'growing up/changes'. Please look out for a letter on this with further details.

Physical Education – P.E. this half-term will be delivered by Miss Booth on a Wednesday and then Progressive Sports on a Friday. Please ensure children have their P.E. kit in school on both Wednesdays and Fridays ready to change into. A reminder that the P.E. kit should consist of a white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers or pumps. Our focus sports will be cricket and hockey, so we are looking forward to developing our knowledge in these areas.

Forest School – Whole KS2 Forest School sessions will continue to be delivered by Mrs Murray this half-term on a Friday afternoon (1pm-2:15pm). Children can come into school in their own, suitable clothing on these days. Even as we move into Summer, please ensure children are bringing appropriate wellies/boots, waterproofs etc. that are suitable for the 'Great British Summer(!)' weather conditions on the day as we do go out in all weathers!

Final Updates

Homework – This will continue to be given out on a Tuesday and returned for the following Tuesday. There will be a mixture of short activities each week relating to the topics we are covering in Maths or English. Please remind your child to speak to me at any point during the week if they need any help.

Please keep an eye out on the school newsletter for any changes to dates and upcoming events that are yet to be announced. I am really looking forward to another fantastic half-term at Brennand's as we move towards the Summer and as ever, if there are any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Miss Booth

Our theme for worship this half-term is:

Friendship