

Curriculum News

Year 5/6 Summer 2 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our focus this term will be *What makes a desert a home?*, which will make cross-curricular links between Geography, Science and Literacy. Primarily, we will be comparing the main desert regions of the world, by looking at the different types of deserts and exploring individual examples. This will also enable us to make curricular links through science and literacy as we study desert biomes, habitats, and the classification of various plant and animal species, associated with desert regions.

P.E this term will be held on Thursday afternoon, with a focus on striking and fielding games such as cricket and rounders. Please make sure that your child comes to school in a PE kit that will keep them warm outside, and make sure that any earrings are removed or taped over, and long hair is tied back (please ask if you are unsure about what your child needs). Additionally, a reminder that there is no swimming this term.

Homework will continue to go out on Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday, unless otherwise stated. Homework will include, spellings taken from the National Curriculum for UKS2, and a maths revision activity or comprehension task. If you have any queries during the term please don't hesitate to come and see me after school.

Regards,

Mr Ward

Literacy - This term we will develop our writing and vocabulary skills through a range of information and explanation texts involving our desert theme. We will also be writing explanation and persuasive texts with a focus on tourism. There will be a continued focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as reading and comprehension.

Numeracy - This term we will begin work on units of position and direction, algebra and ratio. We will also continue to practise and consolidate arithmetic and problem solving questions.

Topic/Geography - Our 'What makes a desert a home?' topic will make links between Geography, Science and Literacy. We will be learning about desert biomes and will make comparisons of desert regions around the world.

Science - In Science, our focus is living things and their habitats which will focus on animal and plant classification.

Computing - Pupils will focus on programming variables in coding projects.

PSHE - This term we will be focusing on relationships, in SRE (sex and relationship education).

MFL (Spanish) - This term we will focus on 'free time in Spain' in which we learn about Spanish leisure activities.

Art and DT - In Art we will focus on landscape photography through the work of Edward Weston.

PE - In P.E we will be starting a unit on striking and fielding games, including cricket and rounders.