

Year 5

Parent Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 2 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely break and that the pupils are feeling refreshed and ready for another busy half term. This letter will provide you with an overview of each curriculum area for this half-term. Our P.E. day will continue to be Friday. Please see the dates below as well as checking the calendar on our website for upcoming events. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at year5@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk or write a message in your child's planner. You can also check our class page on the website to keep up-to-date with what the pupils have been learning.

Kind regards,

Mr Hakner, Mrs Bankole and Mrs Stanyon

English	<p>Week 1: Descriptive Writing- This week the pupils will be developing their understanding of a range of descriptive elements and using these to write a piece of description based on 'The Firebird'.</p> <p>Week 2-4: Legends- The pupils will then be reading "The Legends of King Arthur". They will then write their own Legend using their descriptive writing skills learned in week 1.</p> <p>Week 5-6: Instructions: We will be learning about writing instructions. This will involve looking at the structure, SPaG elements and key features of instruction writing. We will use this information to write our own set of instructions.</p> <p>Week 7: Poetry- Cinquains: We will be looking at a range of cinquain poems and will then write our own based on winter.</p> <p>Spelling Patterns-</p> <p>Week 1: Understand rules for applying suffixes beginning with vowel letters</p> <p>Week 2: Create families of words from a single root</p> <p>Week 3: Add suffix -ing to root words with stressed and unstressed syllables</p> <p>Week 4: Doubling a consonant when it is preceded by a short vowel</p> <p>Week 5: Spell words with the soft c from the Year 5/6 spelling list</p> <p>Week 6: To spell words with ei after c</p> <p>Week 7: To spell words with -le endings</p> <p>Handwriting and Spellings: This will be taught in daily discrete lessons and practised throughout the curriculum. The pupils will be learning to write in continuous cursive.</p> <p>We Read: The pupils will have a guided reading session every day. Three of these sessions will be whole class guided reading lessons. In these sessions, the children will be reading 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar.</p> <p>Once upon a time: At the end of each day, we read a high quality text to the pupils for 15 minutes. These sessions promote and develop a love of reading as pupils are exposed to books and genres that they might not naturally choose themselves. This half term we will be completing 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan</p>
Maths	<p>Week 1: The pupils will develop their understanding of factors, multiples and prime numbers.</p> <p>Week 2: During this week, the pupils will develop their understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.</p> <p>Week 3-5: Over this period, the pupils will focus on developing their understanding of fractions including converting fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and finding equivalent fractions.</p> <p>Week 6: The pupils will deepen and develop their knowledge of the four operations and use it to solve a range of problems.</p> <p>Week 7: This week will focus on develop the pupils' ability to solve open-ended problems.</p> <p>Take 5: The pupils will also be taking part in 15-minute consolidation sessions each day to revise a range of core mathematical concepts, including place value, addition and subtraction strategies, fractions and word problems.</p>
Science	<p>Earth and Space: We will be learning about the Solar System. We will be describing the movement of Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun. As well, the pupils' will be learning about the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky, the movement of Earth in relation to the Sun, the phases of the Moon and researching a planet of their choice.</p>
Computing	<p>Creating media- Video production: Pupils will learn how to create short videos by working in pairs or groups. As they progress through this unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video. Pupils are guided with step-by-step support to take their idea from conception to completion.</p>
P.S.H.C.E.	<p>Celebrating Difference: The pupils will be learning about understanding cultural differences and how this can sometimes cause conflicts. They will also be learning about different types of bullying and build up an understanding of the impact of rumour-spreading and name-calling. They will compare their lives with people in the developing world as well as celebrating the differences across the world.</p>
Geography	<p>What is life like in the Alps?: In this unit, the pupils will consider the climate of mountain ranges and why people choose to live in the Alps. They will focus on the town on Innsbruck and look at the human and physical features that attract tourists. The pupils will also investigate tourism in the local area and map recreational land use; presenting their findings and comparing it to what they have learnt about the Alps.</p>
Art	<p>I need Space: This term the pupils will developing their mark making and drawing skills, with a focus on retrofuturism. They will be able to draw from observation with increased precision to draw and explore a range of drawing processes. They will be confident in choosing their own drawing materials to aid them when designing their compositions for their final pieces.</p>

P.E.	Gymnastics : This half term in P.E. we will be working on how to safely perform a variety of jumps (such as pike, tuck and straddle) and balances within sequences using raised equipment. We will also be learning to safely forward roll and round off a performance. Please ensure your child comes into school in their school PE kit. This can include a dark blue or black tracksuit with suitable footwear. Please provide ear tape if earrings are unable to be removed. Our PE lessons are on a Friday.
R.E.	Beliefs In Our Community: The pupils will be thinking about their own beliefs as well as those of others in their local community. They will explore our local community, people in our community as well as understanding others.
French	Space Exploration: In this topic, the pupils will learn how to say the eight planets of the solar system as well as the sun and moon. They will listen to and identify cognates in French texts relating to space and will also begin use vocabulary to describe and compare planets.
Homework	Times Tables: The pupils will continue to develop their understanding of times tables and division by completing a minimum of 25 minutes a week on TTRockstars. Reading: The pupils are expected to read a least 5 times a week at home. This helps to develop not only their fluency when reading, but also their comprehension of a text and will also support their written work as it will help develop their vocabulary and imagination. Any pupil who reads 5 times a week at home will be entered into the Golden Ticket draw. Maths: This will be given out on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. The tasks will be based on areas we have covered in class and we will go through the questions and answers together on Wednesday morning.

Special dates and events this half-term:

- W/B Monday 10th November- Anti-Bullying Week
- Thursday 13th November- Celebration Evening (4:00pm-5:00pm)
- Tuesday 18th November- Whole school Skipping Workshop
- Friday 28th November- Dressing the Tree
- Monday 1st December- OCCASIONAL DAY
- Friday 12th December- Christmas Fair (timings to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 16th December - Lantern festival
- Wednesday 17th December- Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 18th December- School Disco (3:15pm-4:30pm)
- Friday 19th December- END OF TERM finish at 1pm
- Tuesday 6th January- First Day Back (Spring Term)