

Year 5

Parent Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 1 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. It has been lovely to welcome the pupils into Year 5 and I look forward to an enjoyable and productive year ahead. This letter provides an overview of our curriculum for this half-term showing the areas of study for each subject. Our class page is also updated weekly with what the pupils have been learning that week. **This half-term, our class P.E. day will be on a Friday.** Please ensure your child attends school in their P.E. kit on this day. Also note that on the important dates below there will be a '**Meet the Teacher**' session on **Tuesday 16th September at 9:00 a.m.** where you can learn more about what to expect in Year 5.

If you wish to contact me, our class email address is year5@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk, however please be aware that a response may take up to 48 hours. Alternatively, you can also write a message in your child's planner or speak to me on the playground.

Kind regards,

Mr Hakner, Mrs Bankole and Mrs Stanyon

English	<p>Week 1-4: Diary entries. We will be linking our first unit of work to our history topic of Ancient Greece. We will be reading a range of diary entries and exploring the key features of diary writing. We will then be writing our own diary entry based on the book 'Mark of the Cyclops - An Ancient Greek Mystery' by Saviour Pirotta.</p> <p>Week 5-7: Narrative: In this unit, the pupils will be exploring a range of Greek Myths including the story of Icarus, Theseus and the Minotaur, and King Midas. They will be developing their understanding of how to write effective narratives by developing their understanding of a range of grammatical techniques. The children will then adapt one of the traditional Greek Myths.</p> <p>Week 8 - Narratives: This week the pupils will be created their own short stories to be entered into the BBC 500 Words writing competition. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this nearer the time.</p> <p>Spelling Patterns-</p> <p>Week 1: Review Year 3/4 Spellings</p> <p>Week 2: Homophones and Near Homophones</p> <p>Week 3: Review plurals - adding -s, -es, -ies, -ves</p> <p>Week 4: Review suffixes beginning with consonant letters to words: -ment, -less</p> <p>Week 5: Review suffixes beginning with consonant letters to words, -ful, -ly</p> <p>Week 6: Review suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words</p> <p>Week 7: Focus on morphology</p> <p>Week 8: Focus on words that double the final consonant</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 'Mark of the Cyclops - An Ancient Greek Mystery by Saviour Pirotta'. The two remaining sessions will focus on developing comprehension skills.</p> <p>Once upon a time: At the end of each day, we read a high-quality text to the pupils. These sessions promote 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 reading "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan</p>
Maths	<p>Week 1: Read, write and compare 5-digit numbers and know what each digit represents.</p> <p>Week 2: Add numbers up to 100,000 using a range of mental and written strategies.</p> <p>Week 3: Round numbers, including decimal numbers to a suitable degree of accuracy.</p> <p>Week 4: Multiply and divide numbers with up to two decimal places by 10 and 100.</p> <p>Week 5: Calculate time intervals using 24-hour clock format; measure lengths in mm and convert to cm; find perimeters in cm and convert cm to m.</p> <p>Week 6: Lengths including measuring lengths (mm and cm) and finding perimeters.</p> <p>Week 7: Use a written subtraction method for 3-digit numbers and for 4-digit numbers.</p> <p>Week 8: Develop their problem solving skills using a range of techniques.</p> <p>Take 5: The pupils will also be taking part in 15-minute consolidation sessions each afternoon to revise a range of core mathematical concepts, including place value, addition and subtraction strategies, fractions and word problems.</p>

Science	Forces: In this topic the pupils will learn about the effects of gravity on an unsupported object. They will also explore the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction as forces that act between to moving surfaces. Finally, the pupils will explore how some mechanisms, such as pulleys and levers allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. The children will have the opportunity to plan, carry out and record a range of investigations relating to these forces.
Computing	Computing systems and networks- Systems and Searching: In this unit, learners will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. Learners will consider small-scale systems as well as large-scale systems. They will explain the input, output, and process aspects of a variety of different real-world systems. Learners will also take part in a collaborative online project with other class members and develop their skills in working together online.
P.S.H.C.E.	Being me in my world: This term the pupils will be able to know how to cope with facing new challenges positively and set themselves personal goals. They will also be understanding their rights and responsibilities as a citizen of their country and as a member of our school.
History	Trojan Horse (Ancient Greece): In this unit, the pupils will develop their understanding of the Ancient Greeks by focusing on the of the Trojan Horse. The pupils will explore all the evidence around the story and at the end of the unit use their historical understanding to decide whether the story is historical fact, legend or a myth.
DT	Seasonal Cooking: In DT this half-term the pupils are going to be developing their cooking ability. They will explore the importance of buying seasonal food and will explore how, where and when a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. The pupils will then use a range of seasonal food to produce a balanced seasonal meal.
P.E.	Invasion Games - This half term, we are learning the skills and rules within invasion games, focusing on basketball. We will be working on keeping and gaining possession by working as a team, passing in different ways and using the correct technique for passing, dribbling and shooting. We will also work on tactics for defending and attacking. 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 or jewellery are unable to be removed.
Music	Livin' on a Prayer: The pupils will be learning the song Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi in music this half term. They will explore a range of musical terminology including pitch, tempo and rhythm as they learn and perform the song. The pupils will then begin to play simple notes to accompany the music.
French	French Monster Pets: In this unit, the pupils will be using cognates to identify meaning in a French text. They will also learn to create and describe their own French 'monster'. They will use a range of adjectives and sentence structures to do this.
Homework	Times Tables: The pupils are expected to complete at least 25 minutes of TTRockstars practice each week which will be set and checked each Wednesday. Reading: Pupils should read at home at least 5 times each week . This helps to not only develop their understanding when reading but also supports their writing. When reading with you child please ask them questions about the book to ensure their understanding. Once your child has completed a book, they will complete the book's AR quiz in school. Maths: This will be given out on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. We will go through the questions and answers together on Wednesday morning.
Important Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 16th September - Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m.) • Friday 26th September - GOAL Day • Friday 3rd October - INSET DAY • Friday 10th October - Ancient Greek Day • Monday 13th October - Parent consultations (8:00 - 10:30) • Wednesday 15th October - Year 5 class assembly (9:00 a.m.) • Wednesday 15th October - Parent consultations (4:00 - 7:00) • Friday 24th October - Harvest assembly