Maths

In maths, year 5 will be learning about: fractions, decimals and percentages.

In maths, year 6 will be learning about: algebra, decimals, fractions and percentages.

English

In English pupils will be writing and learning about journal writing and narrative writing. They will be exposed to the below texts:

- Tyger by S F Said
- Skellig by David Almond
- Illegal by Eoin Colfer

History

The Rise and fall of Hitler

In history, pupils will learn how post-WW1 resentment and the Treaty of Versailles fueled Nazi rise. They explore Hitler's leadership, Nazi ideology, control of education, persecution of Jews including Kristallnacht, Jewish attempts to flee, and how Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939 led Britain to declare war.

Geography

British Geographical Issues

This term, pupils will learn that UK city air pollution harms people, plants, and animals; climate change increases flooding; the UK produces millions of tonnes of waste, creating management challenges; and litter, as waste left in public spaces, causes environmental damage and impacts ecosystems.

Art

Victorian Art and Architecture

In art, pupils will learn about Victorian architecture through the Houses of Parliament, designed by Charles Barry with Gothic and classical influences. They will study the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, its rejection of idealized forms, focus on nature, and photographic realism, exemplified by Millais' painting of Ophelia from Hamlet.

Birch Class

Spring, term 1

PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays

Homework due: Wednesdays

Please ensure pupils are attending school everyday with their reading book.

Science

Electricity

Pupils will learn that electricity flows as an electrical current and can be controlled in circuits. They will explore how components use electricity, convert energy, and how voltage affects brightness or volume. Pupils understand switches complete or break circuits, and gaps stop electricity flowing.

French

Clothes

By the end of this unit, pupils can describe what they are wearing in French using colours. They will combine key grammar—nouns, gender, articles, plurality, adjectival agreement, and first-person verbs—to form accurate sentences in different scenarios.

Music

Composing and Chords

This term, pupils will learn that playing three or more pitches creates chords, which form the basis of accompaniment. They will use chords in compositions to make music more interesting, creating their own accompaniment and exploring extension activities to deepen understanding.

PSHE

Dreams and goals

Pupils will learn to identify their learning strengths, set challenging yet realistic goals, and plan steps to achieve them. They will explore ways to stay motivated, collaborate to make a positive impact, and accept praise graciously, fostering confidence, teamwork, and personal growth for lifelong success.

RE

Do people always put their beliefs into action?

Using the case study of the 16th Street Baptist Church and its link to Welsh artist John Petts, pupils explore how beliefs inspire actions, positively and negatively. They ask philosophical questions about faith, morality, and responsibility, considering how

PE

Hockey and Netball

PE days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. With PE being outside, please ensure pupils attend school with warm clothes as their PE kit.

Computing

Creating media

This unit teaches pupils to create websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify features of effective web pages, design and evaluate their own site using Google Sites, considering copyright, fair use, aesthetics, and navigation to produce a functional, visually appealing, and ethical website.

	convictions shape choices and impact communities.		