

Parent Learning Information

Autumn Half Term 1 2026

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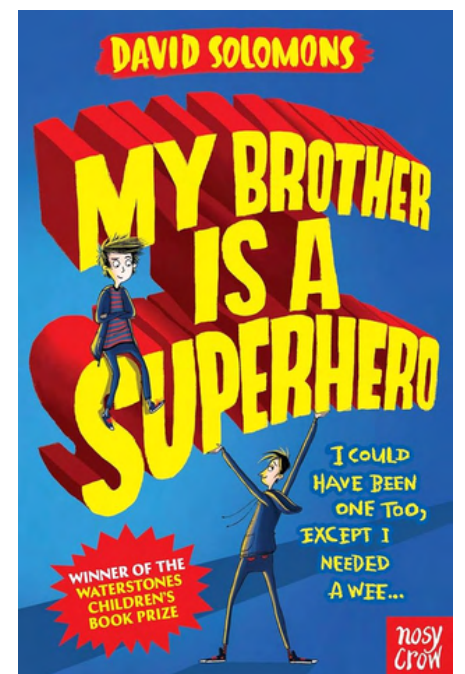
Reading Curriculum

This half-term in reading we are exploring the action packed fictional text *My Brother is a Superhero*. In this book, we follow the witty and imaginative journey of Luke Parker, an 11-year-old comic book fanatic who misses his chance to become a superhero simply because he needed to go to the toilet. In his absence, his older brother Zack is chosen by an alien to save the universe and gains incredible powers- despite knowing nothing about superheroes!

Not only will we be strengthening our fluency skills, we will also be adding depth to our comprehensive skills through: direct retrieval, summarising, inference and vocabulary exploration.

In addition, our poetry spotlight will see us exploring *The Sound Collector*, written by Roger Mc Gough, a British poet known for his playful style and deep emotional resonance.

We cannot wait to see the children's imagination ignite with curiosity and creativity.



Maths Curriculum



In mathematics this term, the children will begin by deepening their understanding of Place Value, including reading, writing, identifying, and ordering numbers up to one million. These foundational skills are essential for building number confidence and accuracy.

Following this, we will move on to consolidating the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Children will be encouraged to apply a range of strategies, develop their mental arithmetic, and solve problems with increasing complexity and efficiency.

Writing Curriculum

This term, the children will dive into an exciting beach-themed writing adventure! They will use rich imagery and descriptive language to explore the sights, sounds, smells, textures and feelings associated with a visit to the seaside, before using their ideas to craft their own engaging and imaginative descriptive piece.

Along the way, we will continue to strengthen key foundational writing skills, including using present and past participles to add detail, interest and variety to their writing.

Children will also explore a range of sentence structures, learning how to vary the way they begin and develop sentences to make their writing more engaging and effective.

Through shared writing, discussion and independent work, they will build confidence in selecting ambitious vocabulary and making thoughtful choices to bring their descriptions vividly to life.



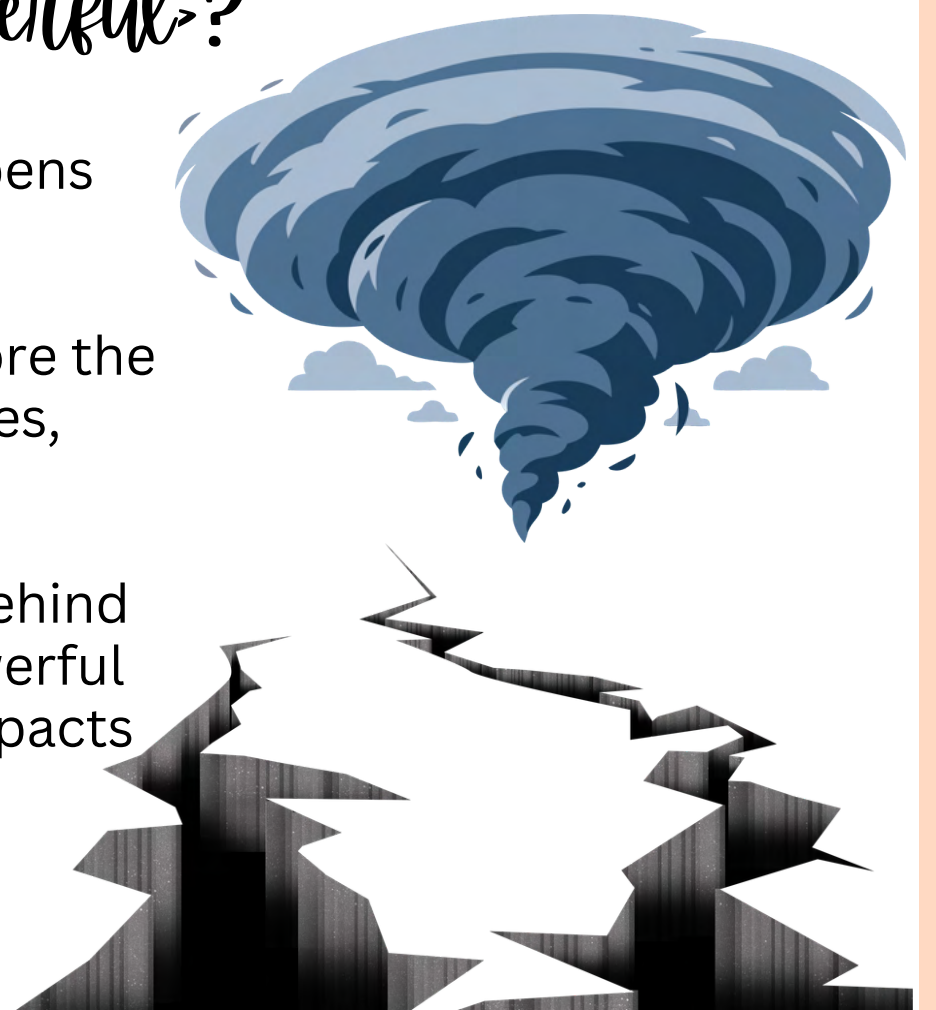
Wider Curriculum Learning

Topic - What Happens When Nature Is At Its Most Powerful?

Year 5's topic for the first half term is "What happens when nature is at its most powerful?"

Throughout this exciting unit, the children will explore the incredible forces of nature, including earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.

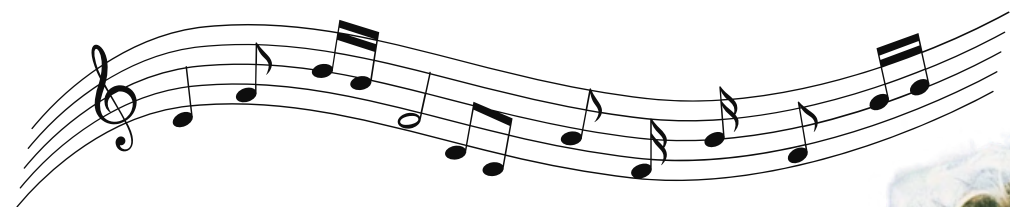
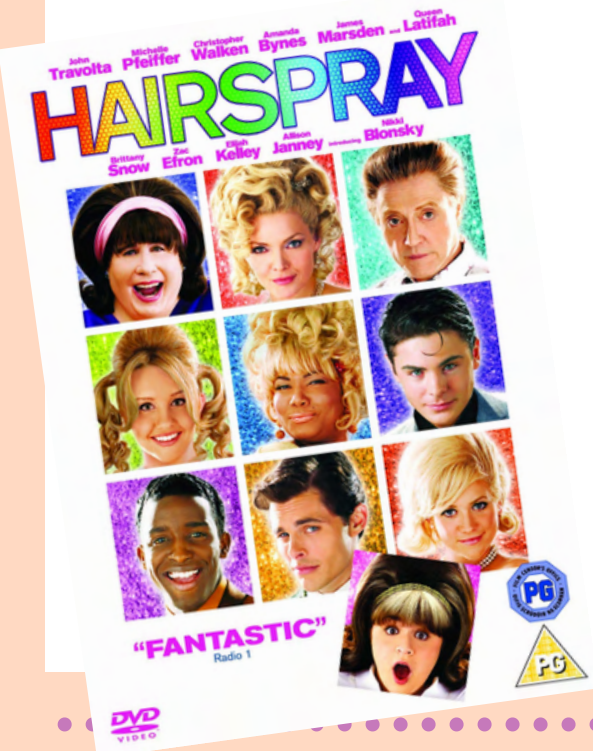
They will investigate the geographical processes behind these natural hazards and discover how these powerful events can have both dramatic and devastating impacts on people and the environment.



Performing Arts - Including Music

In Performing Arts this term, Year 5 will be learning a combination of two of the hit musicals Grease and Hairspray. We will be improving our dance skills during the grease topic and hairspray for music, deep diving into the motown era.

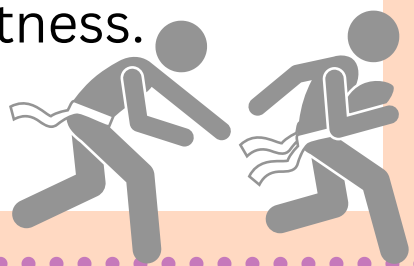
Children will be able to demonstrate dance skills learnt and use these to reflect and control performing. This will include independent corner work, with all techniques used such as pointed toes, strong core, balanced arms and control.



PE

This term, the children will continue to build on their prior learning in Tag Rugby, developing their passing, catching, movement and teamwork skills while gaining a greater understanding of the game.

In their other PE lessons, the children will focus on improving their fitness, taking part in a range of fun activities designed to develop their stamina, strength, speed and overall physical fitness.



Forest School



This half term in Forest School, the children will be exploring our three meadow areas and discovering the wonderful wildlife and natural habitats that make each one unique.

A key focus will be learning about our Forest School expectations. The children will develop an understanding of how to behave responsibly in this special environment, recognising that it is home to a wide variety of plants, insects and animals. Together, we will learn how to respect and care for nature while enjoying everything the outdoors has to offer.

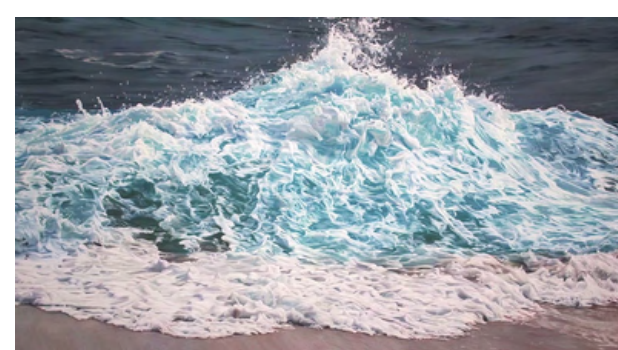
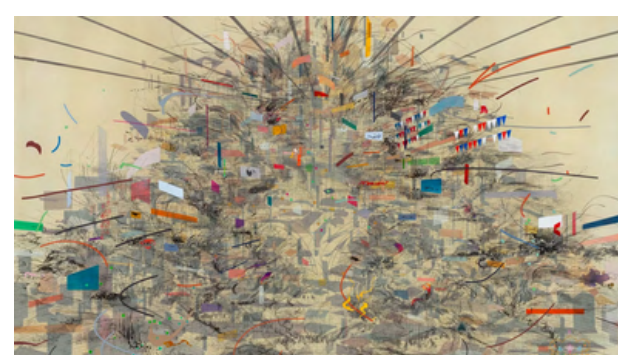
Throughout the first half term, the children will have plenty of opportunities for child-led exploration, allowing them to investigate, ask questions, make discoveries and develop their curiosity about the natural world through hands-on experiences.



Art

In Art we will explore the power and beauty of our planet through modern and contemporary artists.

We will investigate volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and extreme weather, experimenting with colour, texture, line, movement and mixed media. Inspired by artists such as Nick Rowland, Julie Mehretu and Zaria Forman, children will create bold, expressive artwork that captures the energy and force of Extreme Earth.



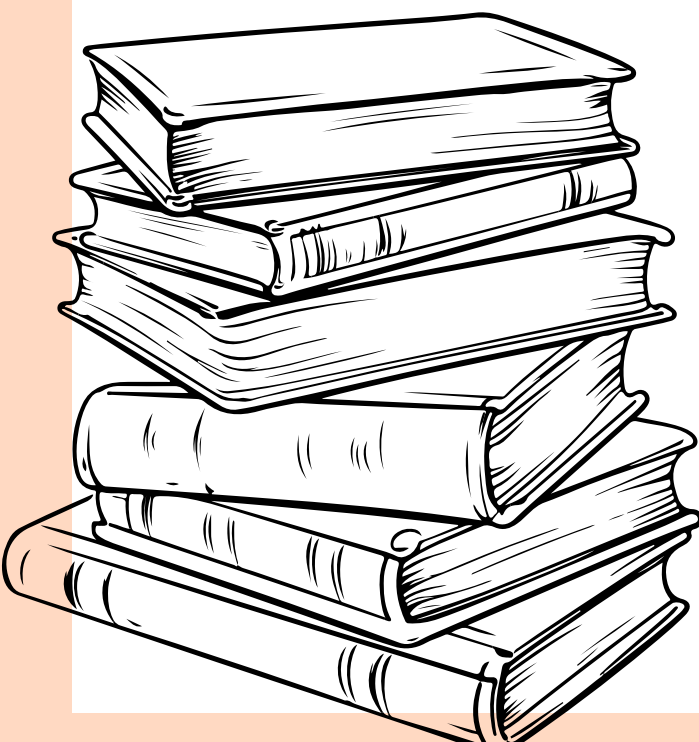
Homework Expectations!



In Year 5, we will be setting reading and times tables as homework.

We kindly ask that the children read at least three times a week with an adult at home and that their reading record is filled in each time that they read.

For times tables practise, the children have access to a TT Rockstars account online. The username and password can be found in their reading record. Please ensure your child accesses this at least three times a week too.



PE & Forest School Dates

Havana	Brasilia	Capetown
PE - Monday & Wednesday	PE - Monday & Wednesday	PE - Monday & Wednesday
Forest School - Every other Thursday	Forest School - Every other Thursday	Forest School - Every other Tuesday
1 st lesson: 17 th September	1 st lesson: 10 th September	1 st lesson: 15 th September

Key Dates - Upcoming Wow Days and Trips

We are thrilled to announce that in March, we will be heading to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter!

This is always a fabulous and memorable day, and we cannot wait to share the experience with the children. From exploring the iconic sets and costumes to discovering the magic behind the films, there will be plenty for the children to see and enjoy. We hope they will love the experience as much as we do!

Further details, including the date and arrangements, will be shared soon, so please keep an eye out for more information.

