



PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Curriculum Information

Year 5 Spring Term 1 2025

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
English	<p>This half term the children will be looking at the text Beowulf. We will be exploring the features of mythical narrative and writing our own mythical stories using skills and techniques identified when exploring our text. Additionally, in this unit the children will write a playscript and a formal letter.</p> <p>Children will also be reading the classic story Oliver, by Charles Dickens. Children will be using figurative language to write a story setting set in Victorian London.</p> <p>In Whole Class Reading, Year 5 will be focusing on developing their understanding of inference, retrieval and vocabulary used in a range of different text types.</p> <p>Spelling Test will take place on a Wednesday. English homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Discuss and help your child to find the meanings of any unfamiliar words. Ask your child to summarise what they have read or to recap the story so far. Please help your child to read every night and record on the Boomreader App. Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Please help your child to practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a difference. Encourage the use of a dictionary to find definitions of new vocabulary.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Please encourage your child to explore reading activities on Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week too. Children can access the Immersive reader/dictate tools on OneNote to support with Reading and Writing.</p>
Maths	<p>During the Spring term the children will be looking at and using their knowledge of place value to one million, consolidating written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will also be exploring fractions, decimals and percentages, and the relationship between these.</p>	<p><u>Online learning</u> Your child can explore TT Rockstars, MyMaths, TopMarks and Supermovers on the link below: Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com) https://www.mymaths.co.uk/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4</p>



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Science	<p>Animals including humans- Children will learn how humans go through characteristic stages as they develop towards old age. These stages include baby, infant, toddler, child, adolescent, young adult, adult and senior citizen. Puberty is the transition between childhood and adulthood.</p> <p>Children will work scientifically by researching the gestation periods of other animals and comparing them with humans; by finding out and recording the length and mass of a baby as it grows.</p>	Encourage children to draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. Talk to your child about body changes during puberty.
History	The children's topic this half term is called, 'Traders and Raiders'. In History, children will be learning about chronological order and ordering on a timeline. We will also be exploring St Bede. We will also be exploring the Anglo Saxons.	Research facts about the Anglo Saxons.
Geography	In Geography, the children will be finding places in the UK from a legend. They will also be using compass points to describe locations of places in relation to each other.	Identify places on a map of the UK.
Art and Design	Our topic for this half term will be looking at the topic 'Line, light and shadows'. The children will create work on a theme using a range of sketches focussing on line, light, shape, colour, pattern, tone, space and form.	Explore the continuous line drawings of Pablo Picasso.
Design and Technology	No Design and Technology this half term.	No Design and Technology this half term.
Computing	This half term the children will be using Purple Mash to explore how to use spreadsheets and databases online.	Have open ended discussions with your child about problems they may encounter online and how they can keep themselves safe when online.
PE	Indoor PE is dance this half term and Outdoor PE is netball.	<p>Please make sure your child has full P.E kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back.



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	PE days - Wednesday (outdoor games, weather permitting) and Friday (indoor PE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainers are for outdoor games and black pumps are needed for indoor PE <p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed</p>
Swimming	<p>Swimming Day - Tuesday</p> <p>A review of safety procedures and pool rules will take place first week back. The development of all strokes will continue. Water skills such as floating, head/feet first sculling will be improved. Swimmers that can complete 2 lengths will be timed for school records and year 5 'Top Ten' lists which are displayed on poolside.</p>	Please remember all children will need a named swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat and towel.
RE	This half term the children will be exploring significant inspiring people from Islam and Christianity.	Discuss which significant people you already know.
PSHE	This half term our topic is 'Say no to bullying'. The children will identify bullying behaviours and deepen their understanding of empathy about bullying behaviours.	Talk about scenarios at home together. Discuss positive strategies to deal with challenging behaviour.
Music	Through a range of songs, the children will learn to play three chords on the ukulele. Focus on accurate posture and hold, good technique, strumming, plucking, moving between chords smoothly and accurately. The children will also learn to play as an ensemble.	Watch videos of ukulele players to gain an appreciation of the instrument, its cultural background and demonstrations of how to play it well.
German	Children will learn how to say individual pieces of clothing and describe the items of clothing. They will also be practising how to say parts of the body and will learn how to sing 'Head, Shoulders Knees and Toes' in German.	Ask your child to practise their German vocabulary about clothing and body parts. They can also use the <i>Languagenut</i> website to practise these words and play some learning activities, where they can earn points for the school, their class and themselves.
Visits and visitors	Anglo- Saxon workshop Wednesday 8 th January. Science Frog Life workshop- Friday 10 th January.	Please encourage your child to share their experiences at school with you at home.



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Curriculum Days	Our Curriculum day will focus on our topic of Traders and Raiders. Curriculum Day will be in the final week of the half term.	Anglo- Saxon presentation.
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