



**Heathland  
School**

# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5!

The children have made a fantastic positive start to the new school year. They look very smart in their fresh uniforms, and now that they are role models in the upper part of the school, we would like you to encourage your child to wear their uniform smartly and proudly, with shirts tucked in and ties formed correctly. Children should also wear school shoes, not trainers, each day except for their PE day.

### Role Models and School Values

Now that they are in Year 5, we expect the children to be excellent role models to the younger children, and they are already rising to this challenge. September's Value of the Month is Positivity. The other Values this term will be: Tolerance (October), Peace (November) and Resilience (December). We rely on the children in Year 5 to demonstrate these Values consistently.

### PE days

Year 5 PE day is on **Wednesday**. Children need to come into school wearing their PE kit. The correct PE kit is: navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, plimsolls/trainers. Please ensure that jewellery is not worn on Wednesdays.

### Swimming

Beginning on the 9th of September, all Year 5 classes will be taking part in swimming lessons every Thursday. Swimming is a compulsory part of the PE curriculum for Year 5, so please ensure that your child has all the correct kit: costume (one piece), towel and swimming cap.

### Home Learning

Home learning for Year 5 will be set every Thursday and will be due in on Tuesday. We value your support in this. The children are also expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes everyday. Children will also have access to books on Bug Club within the next few weeks.

### The Curriculum

In English, we will be looking at narratives, formal letter writing and focusing on information texts and how to separate information into relevant sections. Later in the term, we will be analysing different types of genres and authors. In Maths, we have started making sure all children can use place value accurately and we will progress into using the 4 operations of maths (+-x÷) successfully. In PE, we will be learning the skills associated with basketball and tag rugby.



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## Topic

Our topic this term is looking at the question: **How did Victorian inventions change the world?** Within this topic, we will be learning about what life was like in Victorian times, bridge design and engineering and researching significant figures, including Dr Barnardo, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Lord Shaftesbury. In December, our topic will be: **Why do we like art?** We will be investigating different styles of art and artistic techniques.

## Computing/Spanish/RE

These subjects will be taught by specialist teachers on a Tuesday afternoon on a rotation.

## Library

The children will have weekly Library sessions where they explore different fiction and non-fiction books, along with newspaper articles.

## Music

Children will be participating weekly in-class sessions provided by Harrow Music Services. These will take place on Wednesday.

## Growth Mindset

Heathland is an accredited Thinking Skills School and for the children, this means using a variety of thinking skills in their everyday lessons. Ask your child about: thinking hats, thinking maps and the habits of mind that they use in school. We will be talking about having a growth mindset which encourages children to talk about themselves as learners and how they react positively to the challenges that they face in their learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and productive time in Year 5. Please see us if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully,  
The Year 5 Team

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Miss Reeves  
Banyan Class

Mrs Tennyson  
Jacaranda Class