

# Halstow Primary School

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## Spring 1 Overview: Year 5

Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

We sincerely hope you've had a restful half term break. As ever, thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Looking forward to a fantastic half term,

Mrs Dearness and Mrs Gambier

### **Key Dates:**

29<sup>th</sup> February – Book Fair

7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment Week

### **Maths**

In maths, we are going to focus on decimals and percentages. We are following the White Rose scheme of learning built around maths mastery. Additionally, Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) is available for daily practise. We suggest the children spend 20-30 minutes on TTRS each week, completing the monthly Gig and daily Soundchecks.

### **Literacy**



In writing, we will be learning how to structure a series of letters inspired by the short film, 'One Small Step' by Taiko Studios. Each week will have both specific spelling words and a grammatical focus.

### **Reading**

Children will continue to explore a range of texts and activities, recapping and building on their knowledge and understanding of the key reading skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise. We will also be continuing to read our class novel.

## Science

In science this term we will continue to explore reversible and irreversible changes. Children will be able to explain the properties of materials which affect these changes.

## Foundation

**Geography** – South America

**Art** – Perspective  
Wellbeing

**PSHE** – Health and

**RE** – Buddhism

**Spanish** – Food and drink

## PE

Miss Dearness's Class: **Thursdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)**

Mrs Gambier's Class: **Tuesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)**

This term we are fortunate to have a specialist gymnastics teacher for our weekly indoor sessions. For these sessions, we ask that children remove their shoes and socks before the lesson. If your child cannot do this due to an injury or other issue, please send a message to the teacher. Please ensure that your child wears clothes that they can move freely in and keep warm in for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

## Homework



Weekly homework will have spellings, times tables focus, arithmetic practise, grammatical skills. In addition to this, children should read a minimum of 15 minutes per day. If your child is struggling to get 'hooked' into a book, please let us know and we will find some fantastic options for them.