

# Halstow Primary School

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## Year 5 – Summer 1 Overview

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the new term! We wanted to write to you to fill you in on all the wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum so far and still to come in this term.

Just a note before hearing about all of our wonderful learning: **please can we remind all parents that children must bring a bottle of water to school.** It is so important to stay hydrated to learn, and the water fountains at playtime and the water dispenser at lunch is often not enough. The number of children without one is increasing and we are finding it hard to manage this at the moment. Thanks for your support on this!

In maths, we have begun our learning recapping and building on our knowledge of shape including identifying and drawing angles. We will be securing our understanding of how to find and calculate degrees including problem solving and class investigations. Following this, we will be learning about position and direction including reading and plotting coordinates.

We will be following the White Rose (<https://whiterosemaths.com/>) sequence of learning in maths. Please note that this overview is only an outline of what will be covered. Lesson content will be closely tailored to the children's needs.

Please continue to use Times Table Rockstars to practise speed and fluent recall of multiplication times tables. If you have any problems logging on, please feel free to contact the school.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number Place value VIEW		Number Addition and subtraction VIEW		Number Multiplication and division A VIEW		Number Fractions A VIEW					
Spring term	Number Multiplication and division B VIEW		Number Fractions B VIEW		Number Decimals and percentages VIEW		Measurement Perimeter and area VIEW		Statistics VIEW			
Summer term	Geometry Shape VIEW		Geometry Position and direction VIEW		Number Decimals VIEW		Number Negative numbers VIEW	Measurement Converting units VIEW		Measurement Volume VIEW		

Free parent workbooks that will assist you with following our White Rose Maths scheme of learning are available here <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

In literacy, we have been exploring The Maze Runner. The children have been captivated by this story so far, and have produced some wonderful descriptive writing. They have been focusing on figurative language such as metaphors and similes to elevate their descriptions. We will also be creating some artwork alongside our writing for a display – watch this space!

In our reading sessions, the children will be exploring a range of quality texts from a variety of genres. The focus is on 'making meaning' of the text, so we look in detail at the vocabulary used and ways of developing the children's understanding of new words and

how to make sense of them. Tasks are completed which will develop and hone their reading and comprehension skills. There is also one lesson a week where we focus on oracy skills in terms of discussing the text and justifying our thoughts and opinions with evidence.

In science this term we will be learning about sexual and asexual reproduction in plants. Following this we will be focusing on life cycles and comparing those of vertebrates and invertebrates. Children use a range of science enquiries to support their understanding of different phenomena including comparative/fair tests, observations over time, pattern seeking, research using secondary sources and identifying, classifying and grouping. We also have class caterpillars! Ask you child about what stage of the life cycle our little creatures are at.

### **Wider Curriculum**

We have been learning about Sikhism in RE, building the children's understanding of the importance of the gurus and Guru Granth Sahib.

In computing, we will be using Minecraft Education to learn about various topics in digital literacy, esafety and computer science. Each week we are exploring a new world with a lesson which has been crafted at Minecraft Education HQ. The sessions can all be looked at online – they are a fabulous tool!

In history, we are continuing our studying of governance. We will be developing our understanding of empire with a focus on the three time periods of the British Empire and the international slave trade.

Design & Technology lessons will continue to develop our understanding of electrical alarm systems and how we can incorporate circuits and switches into a user-friendly design.

To allow you to sit back and enjoy any Spanish holidays that you might be having, the children will be learning how to order food and drink in a cafe!

South America continues to be the theme for our Geographical learning but the focus this term is on finding out about the people who live in the Amazon and the impact that humans have had and continue to have on the rainforest.

During PE, we will be learning how to play rounders and for indoor P.E. we will be honing the skills needed to play badminton.

#### **PE Days:**

Miss Franklin and Ms Thorn's Class:  
**Tuesdays and Fridays**

Mrs Dearness' Class: **Tuesdays and Fridays**

The children will need to be wearing trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

All the best to you and your families,

The Year 5 Team