



This term our values will be **determination** and **respect**.

PE days Spring 1:

Year 5: Monday and Wednesday

Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

PE days Autumn 2:

Year 5: Tuesday and TBC

Year 6: TBC

Years 5 Residential: 27th-29th January

Open Classrooms (parents invited in to look at work): 11th February

INSET DAY: 24th February

World Book Day: 6th March

Year 5 'Midnight Summer's Dream' performance: 10th March

Parents/carers evening: 18th and 19th March

Easter Service: 4th April

End of term: 4th April (pick up at 2pm)

Milestone 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Spring Term 2025 – Amazing America!



Years 5 and 6 will focus on North America this term, as well as learning about the Aztecs in history. Year 5 will also take part in the Delight in Shakespeare programme and will perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare, author that will be a focus on reading and writing for both year groups. Year 5 will also enjoy a one off residential: they are going to the South Downs to connect with nature!

As **readers**, we will read, enjoy and discuss:

- *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare
- *Good News: Why the World Is Not as Bad as You Think* by Rashmi Sirdeshpande

As **writers**, we will write:

- About William Shakespeare's plays
- Narratives based on a video called *Alma*
- Balanced arguments

As **geographers**, we will learn:

- To know the countries and physical features of North America: that North America has diverse biomes including desert, grassland and tundra
- To know the names of some mountains and rivers in America (Rocky Mountains, Mississippi)
- To name weather events that can affect North America (hurricane, tornado)
- To name the main settlements of North America

As **historians**, we will:

- To know when Aztecs existed (chronology)
- To know where they settled
- To know why they settled in the middle of a lake
- To know what chinampas are (floating gardens) and what they were used for
- To know about their main city: Tenochtitlan
- To know how their empire ended (Hernan Cortes)

As **scientists**, we will learn:

YEAR 5

Properties of materials
Animals including humans
Life cycles

YEAR 6

Light
Light pollution
Circulatory system and lifestyle

As **mathematicians**, we will learn:

YEAR 5

- Fractions
- Multiplication and division
- Negative numbers
- Decimals and percentages

YEAR 6

- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Area, perimeter, volume, shape
- Algebra
- Ratio

We will also learn **Art** (architecture and Zaha Hadid), **DT** (arches), **RE** (Christianity), **PSHE**, **Music**, **French**, **Computing (including online safety)** and **PE (including Gymnastics)**.

How you can help at home:

Make sure you encourage your child to complete their homework every week: reading and recording in their reading record at least 3 times a week, maths and spelling. It is important they get into that routine, as this will really help with their transition to secondary school.

If there is anything that your child is struggling with, both academically or personally, please do let us know so we can support them the best we can.