Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

Year 5 *Autumn – 2026-2027*

English

- Narrative – We will study the text *Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird* with a focus on vocabulary choices, sentence structure and appropriate features such as writing dialogue.
- Poetry – with a focus on vocabulary building and using figurative language based around WW2 and the poem *Where the poppies grow.*
- Biography on Walter Tull as part of Black History month.
- Performance poetry based on *The Snowman.* The class will create and perform a poem based on this short video.

Science

Our topic is Earth and Space where we will be learning about the:

- Movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.
- movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.
- Idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

History, Geography, Art, D&T

- We start by focusing on the Roman era – looking at the world they conquered, daily life and traditions. We make comparison to our life today and the influence they had on us.
- We focus our ART and DT topics on the Roman era and create mosaics and artefacts in the ancient style.
- What influence did the Roman civilisation have on our locality? A local study will expose the pupils to how St Albans was shaped, in part, by Ancient Rome.

Physical Education

- Indoor unit on dance and gymnastics.
- Outdoor units on netball and fitness.

Computing

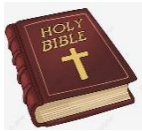
- E-safety – teaching pupils about online safety.
- Coding – Pupils will learn the basics of programming
- Databases – Pupils will learn how to store, organise and find information.

Mathematics

- We start by focusing on place value – including learning that will access their previous knowledge and build upon it.
- Addition and subtraction - In this unit, pupils will be exploring addition and subtraction of numbers to 1 000 000.
- Multiplying and dividing - pupils are multiplying and dividing 3- and 4-digit numbers by single- and double-digit numbers.
- Throughout the above units, pupils are exposed to a broad range of problem solving activities.

RE

- Creation and Covenant – This looks at Old Testament Stories and how God's nature is revealed through them.
- Prophesy and Promise - This focusses on David – a humble shepherd- who was called to be a different king. It leads towards Jesus who is the Good Shepherd.



MFL

Pupils will rehearse speaking, and listening to, the Italian language, using everyday examples from home and school, exploring what they have learned.

Music

- Pupils will practise, create and perform pieces using sea shanties. We will also complete a unit on introducing song writing

PSHE

Module 2: Created to Love Others explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships.

Homework

- **English/Maths:** Homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. Sent out on a Wednesday to be returned the following Tuesday.
- **Times Tables:** A test each week on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** To be practised regularly. Books are changed when necessary. Please sign link book - this will be checked throughout the week.