

Supporting Your Child in Year 5



Spring Term 2026

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready for the new year! We have a lot to look forward to this term.

Maths

We will begin with Multiplication and division, learning long and short multiplication and division. We will then move onto fractions, decimal and percentages where we will learn to convert, order and compare. We will finally be looking at perimeter and area, learning to find the perimeter and area of rectangles, rectilinear shapes, polygons, and compound shapes. <http://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>
<https://www.maths.co.uk>
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

English

In English this term we will be focusing on writing to discuss and writing to entertain. In our writing to discuss we will be looking at our use of conjunctive adverbs to link our ideas and making our writing formal. Then, tied in with our history, we will be using the poetry by Alfred Noyes of The Highwayman where the focus will be on the use of speech to move a story on. <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2yycdm/articles/zsvjktv>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2yycdm/articles/zs8strd>
<http://www.pobble365.com/>

History

Our second history unit this year will be 'Crime and Punishment'. Here we will be learning all about types of crime and punishment in Britain from the medieval ages, through to the Tudors and Victorians, and how these have changed as we have come into the 21st century. We will learn about all sorts of methods of punishment that have been used over time and the justice systems criminals faced!

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/british_history/crime_and_punishment/crime_and_punishment.html

Science

This half term, our focus will be on earth and space, where we will study different models of the solar system as well as the phases of the moon, day and night as well as the seasons and the use of satellites. We will also learn about materials and their properties and how materials change

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8vxb7h/articles/zsnx7yc#znnwwnb>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zryycdm>

RE

We will focus on Christianity, answering the question: What kind of King is Jesus? We will learn about who Jesus was, what qualities he showed, what he wanted his kingdom to look and be like and how this compares to the world around us. The second half term will learn about why the Torah is so important to Jewish people. We will be learning about Jewish traditions and their lives.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkgmnk7>

Music

In music this term, ballads will be our focus, with the song 'Make you feel my Love' at the centre of the unit. Our second half term will see us listen and appraise rap music. Both units will see us listen, appraise, improvise and compose our own versions.

Art

In art we will be looking at our painting and mixed media portraits. We will explore different ways to convey emotions within portraits, whilst exploring different methods like photographs, collage and colour.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

DT

In the second spring term, our focus area will be Textiles. We will be looking at different types of stitching and how these help us to manufacture our very own stuffed toys for younger children.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/textiles-8eef>

Computing

For the first half term in spring, we will learn all about programming and selection, using a great little device called a crumble! Our second unit will see us learn about 'flat-file' databases, how information can be stored and used to help us find things.

<https://www.j2e.com/j2code/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8yk87h>

Personal Development

Our 'citizenship' topic we will learn about the law and the consequences of breaking the law, the importance of our rights, protecting the planet, or societal contribution, pressure groups and what parliament is. The second half term, we will look at Economic Wellbeing where we will develop our understanding about income and expenditure, borrowing, risks with money and stereotypes in the workplace.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwypxfr/revision/1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfvwjsg>

British Values lessons will focus on the idea of individual liberty, looking at how we have a right to believe, act and express oneself freely and is something which should be protected.

Within our Everyone is Welcome lessons, we will celebrate differences, encouraging no outsiders. We will look at books, 'Mixed' and 'How to Heal a Broken Wing'.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mixed-Arree-Chung/dp/1509871349>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-Heal-Broken-Wing-Graham/dp/140632549X>

Values

Our focus values next term will be focusing on the 'Enjoy' part of Glenmere is GREAT! This includes working on our creativity and enthusiasm.

PE

Year 5 will continue to have swimming on a Wednesday morning. In addition to this, they will have athletics on a Friday morning, and tennis on a Thursday afternoon. Children will need to ensure they have football boots or shoes they don't mind getting muddy for outdoor PE if it is wet (don't forget spare shoes and socks). Reminder that the PE kit is either the Glenmere t-shirt/hoody or completely plain, non-labelled, clothing.

More able/requiring more support

In the year 5 classroom, there are children with a variation of different needs which is supported by differentiated lessons and activities to meet these needs. Here are some problem-solving activities to support the more able:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/29243>

Children who are on the SEND register or require more support also have provisions in place for their learning. Here are some resources to support these children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - this resource has many different subjects and levels tailored towards whatever level of support your child needs.

Author of the Half Term

Each half term, we will have a focus author.

Marcus Rashford: When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. But when Marcus gets a mysterious note inviting him to join the Breakfast Club Investigators, he is soon pulled into an exciting adventure with his new mates Stacey, Lise and Asim to find out what is lurking on the other side of the fence.

Floella Benjamin: This is the incredible story of Floella's journey from Trinidad to London, as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords. This inspirational story is a powerful reminder of how courage and determination can overcome adversity.

Recommending Reading Books- Beetle Boy

Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle – and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?

Many thanks,
Mrs Carton and Mrs Podgers

