

Sheen Mount Primary School

Autumn Term Update for Year 5 – Autumn Term 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 5 and Upper Key Stage 2! We are extremely pleased with how well the children have settled into their new classrooms and new routines. They are already showing a readiness to learn and an enthusiasm for the new topics and we are all looking forward to learning and teaching together. Below is an overview of the term ahead. If you would like to find out more about our Year 5 curriculum, please see our curriculum map.

English

Our two core texts are “Tuesday” by David Wiesner and “Shackleton’s Journey” by William Grill. The children will have the opportunity to plan, draft review and edit their writing.

Reading – we are very keen to encourage a love of reading and the children will be given an allocated date to share their book recommendations with the rest of their class. They should continue to read at home everyday and can select books to borrow from school to do so. Each child will have an opportunity to share a book review and read their favourite extract during the year.

Writing – the children will develop their skills at word, sentence and text level. They will be taught to write for different purposes including setting description, letter, diary and narrative writing. They will also be working to improve their grammar and spelling on a weekly basis.

Maths

The children will consolidate and develop their understanding of number and place value, the four operations and fractions. The children will continue to improve the speed and accuracy and recall of their times tables.

Science

The science topics we will be studying this term are ‘Earth and Space’ and ‘Forces’.

History

This half term, we will be examining the Anglo-Saxon settlement of Britain from the Roman’s departure in 410AD.

Geography

After half term, we will examine how volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis affect the world.

PSHE and RE

Our PSHE sessions during this term will focus on families and relationships. Our lessons in RE will initially focus on why people have to stand up for what they believe in. We will then look at why Christianity doesn’t always look the same.

French

The children will develop their language skills to present themselves and their families both orally and in written form in French. Pupils will focus on asking questions as well as providing accurate replies.

Art & Design Technology

Art - children explore the purpose and effect of imagery as well as developing an understanding of composition and perspective, within the context of retrofuturism.

DT - evaluate, design, make and bake bread.

Music

The children will explore the music of Hans Zimmer and examine the impact music has on the visual image. In preparation for the Young Voices concert in January, the children will develop their singing and performance skills as well as understanding the context and style of a song.

Computing

Data and information - flat file databases. Through plugged and unplugged activities, the children will learn to use tools within a database to order and answer questions about data. They will create graphs and charts from their data to help solve problems. After half term they will be creating videos and developing their typing skills.

PE and Games

PE will take place on Thursday mornings with Mr Brown and on Friday mornings with Mrs Humphreys. The children will stay in their PE kits for the whole of the day. An additional PE session will take place on a rotation on Monday mornings (these dates have been emailed). Swimming lessons will begin after half term.

A reminder of our PE Kit:

- black PE shorts
- colour team t-shirt
- suitable trainers for outside PE
- children can also wear a Sheen Mount hoodie and dark tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in the winter

Oracy

Public Speaking

Each child will talk to their class about a subject of their choosing using notes and items of interest but without the distraction of a PowerPoint presentation.

Science bag

The class science bag will be sent home each week with one child. They will present their investigation to the class on a Friday. This presentation could be recorded in the science book with photos should you wish.

Book review

Routines

Children can come into their classroom at 8.45am. Registration is taken at 8.55am. At 3:30pm, the children will be ready to be collected from the Orchard. **If you are happy for your child to return home unaccompanied, please give your permission on Arbor or by emailing the school office.**

Please label all items of uniform. We also recommend that your child labels all of their personal stationery.

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

Homework

Homework in Year 5 will continue to be set via Google Classroom.

Maths, spelling, English or work related to history, geography or science set on Thursday to be completed by the following Tuesday. We would usually expect the children to spend no more than 30 minutes on each subject.

How to help at home

- Children are expected to read every day at home. Please encourage your child to read a variety of genres covering fiction and non-fiction and allow time for quality discussion.
- For much of our maths work, the children are applying their understanding to everyday problems, for example calculating bills and interpreting timetables. Please give your child every opportunity to use and apply maths in a real life context.

Key dates for this half term

- Thursday 24th October - UKS2 Harvest assembly
- Friday 24th October – End of half term (3.30pm)

Kind regards,

Class teachers: Sophie Freestone, Megan Humphreys, and Helen Wrigglesworth

Support staff: Veena Rao, Oliver Davies, Miss Zakiya, Ewa Hay, Mack Wiseman and Cat Stannell