



Autumn Term 2026 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to 5RM, 5VD and Maple

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday.

We are delighted to welcome the children to Year 5 and are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead. In this newsletter, you will find information about what the children will be learning across the curriculum, as well as important dates and reminders for the term.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Russell and Mrs Dawson at our Somers Park site or Miss Adams at our Malvern Vale site at the beginning or end of the school day. Alternatively, you can contact us via the school office email.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the Autumn Term.

Reminders and notes

Examples:

- Water bottles
- School uniform
- Labelling belongings
- Attendance and punctuality
- Healthy snacks

Upcoming events and dates

Hindu Balaji Temple Visit:

Maple – Tuesday 3rd November

5RM and 5VD – Wednesday 4th November

12th October – OPAL Parent Event (1-3pm)

13th & 15th October – Parents Evening

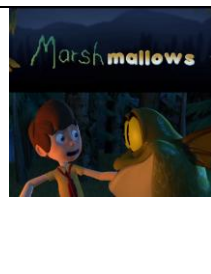
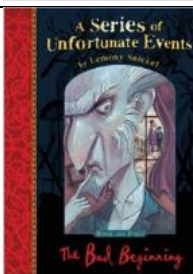
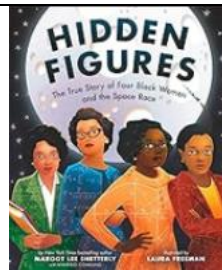
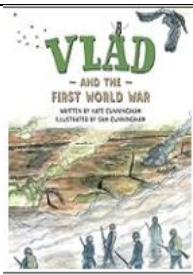
26-30th October – HALF TERM

20th November – INSET day

18th December – Last day of term

What we are learning

English - We will be studying the following texts:



Using these texts we will write our own diary entries; a narrative based on an animation; a formal persuasive letter; a war poem and write a narrative ending in the style of an author.

History – Vikings

This term, we shall be looking at this enquiry-based question 'How should the Vikings be remembered?' We will learn about Viking homelands and settlements; why Vikings raided; how Vikings gained control of the northeast of England; Danelaw and use primary and secondary sources to understand Vikings.

Geography – The Alps

The children will locate the Alps and then identify their human and physical characteristics. The children will also investigate what there is to do in the local area and compare Malvern to the Alps.

Art and Design - Typography

In Art we will be investigating typography, using our sketchbooks to explore what typography is before creating a map which uses typography to fill the spaces.

Mathematics –

In maths this term we will be learning the following:

Place value

Addition and subtraction

Short and long multiplication

Short and long division

Fractions

We will continue to work on our arithmetic skills, as well as regular reasoning and problem-solving activities.

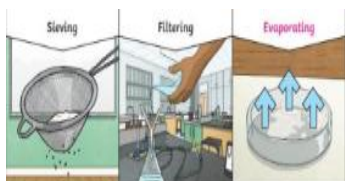
Science –

Materials

We will be learning all

about **materials** where we will:

- Compare and group materials based on their properties.
- Separate materials based on their known properties.
- Understand reversible and irreversible changes.
- Use a range of scientific resources to carry out scientific enquiry and report on the findings.



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We will be asking the question, 'How do Hindus show commitment to God?' Children will learn about key beliefs of Hinduism and how these impact on the daily life of a Hindu.

Design & technology - Cams

In the second half of the Autumn term, children will be designing and making a toy, which is suitable for year 1, using a cam mechanism.

Computing – Vector Drawings

The children will be using laptops to create Vector drawings, using Word and the shapes and lines tools.

PE

Each class will do Yoga and Netball this half term.

Forest School will happen next half term for 5VD and 5RM.

Music

Children in Maple will be learning the violin in the Autumn term. There will be a performance to parents and carers following their term of tuition.

5RM and 5VD will be discovering 'The Blues'.

PSHE- My Healthy Self – How can I support, my mind and body as I grow?

Connecting with others – Why are healthy relationships important?

French

We will begin by naming animals in French and telling others if we do/do not have a pet. During Autumn 2 we will learn the months of the year and apply this to our birthday.

Home Learning

Reading: Children are expected to read 5 times a week and to record their reading in their reading records. Reading records and books are expected to be in school every day and reading records will be checked regularly. We encourage children to read a range of books, and we are always happy to recommend books to the children in our classes.

Spelling: Spellings will be given out on Monday and then tested on Friday of the same week. This will be in the form of a dictation, where several of the words will be included in sentences which the children will record.

Maths: Children should continue to practise all of the times tables up to times 12. There will be a weekly times tables test.

PE Information

5RM and Maple will have indoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon and 5VD will have indoor PE on a Thursday afternoon.

5RM and Maple will have outdoor PE on Thursday and 5VD will have outdoor PE on Tuesday. Children need to come into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

