Year 5 - Autumn Term Overview

CUSP Reading
- Love of reading
- Shackleton's Journey
- The Explorer

CUSP Writing
- Formal letters of application
- Dialogue in narrative (first person myths and legends)
- Poems which explore form
- Balanced argument
- Third person stories set in another culture
- Poems that use word play

Maths – Herts Essentials Planning
- Place value including decimals
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000
- Negative numbers
- Factors and multiples
- Mental calculation strategies
- Formal addition and subtraction
- Formal multiplication
- Formal division

Music
- Rhythm and Pulse (singing and percussion)
- BBC 10 Pieces

RHSE – JIGSAW
- Being me in my world
- Celebrating difference

RE
- Judaism
- Forgiveness in Judaism

French
- Local places
- Emotions and numbers 0-100

PE
- Outdoor games (Thursday) - Football and Tag Rugby
- Indoor PE (Monday) - Gymnastics and Dance

Autumn 2026 – Topics

CUSP
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2/9	No CUSP unit Work on Hall display
7/9	**Art and Design** Printmaking – Block B
14/9	**Science** Properties and changes of materials
21/9	
28/9	**History** Ancient Greece
5/10	**Geography** World countries – location and biomes
12/10	**DT** Food and nutrition - Block A
19/10	**History** Ancient Greece
26/10	**HALF TERM**
2/11	**History** Ancient Greece
9/11	**RE** Judaism
16/11	**Science** Animals including humans
23/11	**Geography** World countries – location and biomes
30/11	**Art and Design** Printmaking – Block B
7/12	**DT** Systems – Block B
14/12	**RE** Forgiveness in Judaism

Google Classroom

Google Classroom will be a main point of communication and should be checked regularly.

Before each CUSP unit, the knowledge organiser, key vocabulary, web links and any suggested pre-reading from the Curriculum Visions site will be posted to Google Classroom.

PE

Primarily, indoor PE will take place on a Monday and outdoor PE, with Non-Stop Action coaches, on a Thursday.

However, children should have correct indoor and outdoor PE kit, including suitable footwear and warm clothing, in school every day to allow for flexibility.

Reading

Reading is an essential life skill, and, as such, our expectation is that children read for 20-30 minutes daily and record it in their school planner.

Planners should be signed by parents over the weekend and will be signed by class teachers on Monday.

Homework

Weekly maths, English and spelling homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday.
Resources will also be posted on Google Classroom.
Spelling answers will be posted to Google Classroom on a Tuesday so children are able to self-mark their spelling homework.