



Wyken Croft  
Primary School

# Year 5 Curriculum Letter

## Autumn Term

### English

In both reading and writing, the children will be using the 'Comic Classics' book: Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles to support their learning. We will be building on the skills of narrative writing in order to write our own detective mystery along with learning new skills to write a newspaper article. The children will also be exploring this text in reading lessons, in order to improve their comprehension skills. Alongside this, we will use Horrible Histories: Vile Victorians to build links with their topic work as well as developing an understanding of non fiction texts.



We encourage children to read regularly at home to foster their love of reading and to practice any new skills they have learnt in school. Each book that your child takes home also has a related quiz to complete online. The quizzes can be accessed using the link at the end of this letter and should be completed after reading each book.



### Maths

In maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of the place value and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

They will build upon the skills that they developed last year, using a range of methods to explore mathematical concepts and justifying their answers and ideas using mathematical language.

The most important thing to develop fluency is the rapid recall of times tables and other facts such as prime and square numbers – so please continue to practise these regularly. Please encourage your child to use Maths Shed and Times Tables Rockstars regularly, as they are great websites to improve speed and fluency.

## Topic

### The Victorians

During this term, the children will explore the Victorian era, discovering more about how this period of time changed Britain.



As historians, we will be learning to use different sources of evidence to find out about key moments in the Victorian era. We will compare the life of children in the Victorian times to the way we live today and the impact the Industrial Revolution had on life then and now. This will lead us to consider the legacy left by key figures in the Victorian era, such as Queen Victoria, Lord Shaftsbury, Mary Secole, Dr Barnardo and Robert Peel.

As geographers, we will find out about how trading benefited Britain and link this to imports and exports.



As artists, whilst exploring the work of William Morris we will develop our understanding of the arts and crafts movement and its links with the Industrial Revolution. We will learn about different printing techniques and design and create a wallpaper design in the arts and crafts style.

In design and technology, we will be learning how to use mechanisms in our work to create moving parts, to produce a working model of a ride from a Victorian fairground.



To further enhance the children's understanding of the Victorian era we will be visiting the Black Country Living Museum. Here the children will experience life in a Victorian school and will be able to explore Victorian home and shops.

## Other Curriculum Areas



### Science

In science, we will be exploring mixtures and separation. Across a range of experiments, the children will develop their skills in planning fair tests; taking accurate and precise measurements; making observations, and creating tables to show their results. The children will draw conclusions based on their findings.

### Computing

In computing this term, the children develop their understanding of how computer systems work and explore how the internet uses IP addresses and URLs. The children will refine their internet searches; using more accurate techniques to enhance their topic work. We will continue to focus on E-Safety; raising the children's awareness of how to remain safe when online. We will also be developing the children's understanding of their own digital footprint and the impact that this can have on their future.



### PE

In PE session the children will develop their team skills through basketball and hockey. We will also be doing indoor PE where the children will be improving their fitness through circuit lessons and dance lessons.

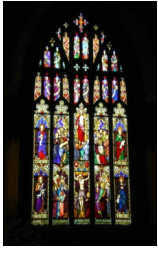
The Year 5 PE days are as follows:

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
5M	Tuesday	Wednesday
5B	Thursday	Wednesday
5P	Tuesday	Thursday
5G	Thursday	Friday

The children will get changed in school for PE. Please ensure they have a white top, black joggers or shorts along with a change of trainers and not an expensive branded PE kit, as this is not part of our uniform policy.

### Foreign Languages—French

The children will be revising noun gender, ensuring they use the correct article to go with nouns, whilst making adjectives agree with the noun they describe. They will describe characters verbally and in writing, placing the adjectives in the correct place within a sentence.



## Other Curriculum Areas

### RE

In RE, we will be exploring the importance of places of worship for a range of faiths, such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism. We will also be explore the role of faith in modern Britain.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we continue to reinforce the 7 Steps to Success, with a focus on mental well-being, health education and forming healthy relationships based on respect and kindness. We will also develop our understanding of rights and responsibilities.



### Homework

Homework is an important part of Year 5, and will support the children's progress by giving them an opportunity to consolidate their understanding of new concepts and practice their skills.

Homework will be assigned on Google Classroom every **Friday** and should be submitted by the following **Friday**.

Google Classroom can be saved to your favourites online or accessed using the **pupil portal** at the bottom of the Wyken Croft website.

**Children will receive weekly:**

- Maths - times tables and arithmetic fluency skills (our weekly times tables test is on a Friday).
  - Spellings (our weekly test is on a Friday).

Throughout the year, we will also post other tasks related to our topic or to support learning in other subjects within school.

### Useful links

Spellings: [www.play.edshed.com/en-gb/login](http://www.play.edshed.com/en-gb/login)

Times tables: [www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com)

Reading quizzes: <https://ukhosted86.renlearn.co.uk/6709902/>

For children who may struggle to access Google Classroom at home, we will provide paper copies of homework. Please let us know if your child needs these or doesn't have access to Google Classroom at home.