

Year 5 Term 1 Curriculum Overview

Blean Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to welcome you back to a new school year. Please take a moment to look over our class curriculum for the coming term.

This term, through our cross-curricular English unit, we will explore the question: *Should we be grateful to those who help us?*

English: We will be studying *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah. Our writing will include descriptions, instructions, and letters, with a focus on sentence structure, presentation, and punctuation. We will also continue to build reading comprehension, grammar, and spelling skills.

Maths: This term, we will begin by revising Roman numerals before moving onto place value, building a strong understanding of number. We will then focus on the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – developing accuracy, fluency and problem-solving skills.

Science: We will explore the forces around us and develop a basic understanding of gravity and friction. We will also investigate simple machines that use levers, pulleys and gears.

Music: The children will develop their musical vocabulary by listening to and describing a variety of short musical pieces. We will explore Reggae music, linking it to our English topic.

Art: We will start by creating self-portraits inspired by Julian Opie, then explore Caribbean art.

DT: With support from Mrs Muzyczek and Forest School, we will prepare and taste some Caribbean food.

Computing: Children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. They will explain the input, output and process aspects of a variety of different real-world systems. They will also look at how to stay safe online.

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History: This will link cross-curricular with our English unit as we study the legacy of the SS Windrush.

Geography: We start the year with the question: *Where in the world are we?* This will help develop children's knowledge of the world and how it is mapped. We will then focus on the continent of North America, including the Caribbean, with a particular emphasis on Jamaica.

PSHE: This term, our theme is 'Being Me in My World.' We will cover topics including the year ahead, responsibilities, being a citizen of my country and our learning charter, following our PSHE scheme.

PE: Outdoor Games will take place on **Tuesdays**, focusing on Tag Rugby.

Indoor PE, in the hall, will be on **Thursdays** and will include fitness and circuit training.

Please ensure children come to school dressed in their school PE kits on PE days. Children are expected to wear the yellow PE t-shirt, black shorts and dark, plain trainers. During the winter months, they should wear plain black tracksuit bottoms and a Blean school jumper or fleece.

Spanish: Year 5 will learn how to extend their phrases when answering 'How are you?', introduce a friend and share information about them, discuss school subjects and express their opinions.

Spanish and Computing will alternate with Forest School sessions.

If you have any questions, please send an email or note into school.
Thank you,
The Year 5 team.

Home Learning will be given out on Thursdays and should be completed and returned by Tuesday. Please encourage your child to **read** regularly, discuss their reading with them, and record completed books in their reading journal. If you missed our "Meet the Teacher" session, the information shared will be available on Google Classroom.