

Year 5 Parent Planner – Spring 2026



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KNOW MORE

Vital vocabulary

Montage, combining, pictorial elements, digital media, photograph, editing, sources, media, contrasting, layers, assemble/assembly, fantasy, vintage

Natural Disasters, Topography, Tectonic plates, Plate boundaries North and south America, Florida, California, Chile, Earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, volcanoes, Longitude, latitude, Grid references

Sun, orbit, moon, solar system, spherical, day, night, shadows, The Big Bang

People and places

Find out about Stephen Hawking or Galileo

Watch the news and find out about places around the world affected by current natural disasters

REMEMBER MORE

Quality questions

What are natural disasters?

How do they occur?

What impact do they have?

How have contemporary artists changed the media of collage?

Reliable reading

Further reading:

Anglo-Saxon Boy

Fiction and non-fiction texts linked to any of our topics

EXPERIENCE MORE

Marvellous memories

Make an erupting volcano to re-activate year 4 learning

Go on a night walk and look at the stars – can you see any constellations?

Rewarding research

Research volcanoes and how they erupt.

Research one of the planet in the Solar System.

This terms theme:

Around the World

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As Geographers this half term:

We will be learning about natural disasters. We will learn about latitude and longitude and how to read it as well as looking at how time zones are distributed around the world. We will learn about topography as well as how earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis are created. We will research the impact that some famous natural disasters have had around the world.

In PSHE, we will continue to learn about 'safety and the changing body'. This will include the changes that occur during puberty, menstruation and choices around the use of alcohol and drugs.

In RE we will be looking at the Christian faith and exploring why Christians believe that Jesus is a messiah. We will look at messengers from other religions and discuss their importance.

As Athletes this term:

We will be doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities and net/wall games.

We will also be Swimming and continuing our indoor gymnastics and/or dance

As Scientists this term, we will be learning that:

- Gravity pulls everything on Earth to the centre of the Earth
- Air resistance is when particles in the air cause friction with an object, slowing it down.
- Water resistance is when an object experiences friction between itself and the water.
- Some mechanisms, including gears, levers and pulleys, allow a small force to have a greater effect.

As Artists this term:

In art we will be experimenting with montage. We will look at the work of Gary Hoang and create our own collages by layering up pictures. We will also use technology to create a photomontage.



In music we will be learning about blues music. We will look at different chords and the bars and pitch within these. We will explore the emotions that are depicted in blues music and listen to a range of examples.

As Mathematicians this term:

We will be starting our unit on fractions. We will learn how to find fraction of shape and number; find equivalent fractions, order and compare fractions; add and subtract fractions and answer a range of reasoning problems. We will continue to develop our formal methods on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

As Writers this term:

We will be writing to entertain using the story of Ernest Shackleton in the story Ice Trap. We will be using relative clauses and parenthesis to add extra information.

As Readers this term:

We will be reading Varjak Paw and information texts about Natural Disasters. We will explore how to deepen our understanding of the texts using reading fluency strategies and expert tips.