

## Core Texts

These texts have been chosen for their rich themes, engaging narratives, and opportunities to explore diverse writing styles **The Varmints by Helen Ward**. This beautifully illustrated story explores themes of environmental change, preservation, and hope. It has been chosen to inspire thoughtful discussions and creative writing while encouraging children to consider their role in protecting the planet.

### **The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman**

This touching tale of immigration and family history introduces children to stories from other cultures. Its unique format of memories preserved in matchboxes encourages creativity and helps children appreciate diverse perspectives.

### **Shackleton's Journey by William Grill**

This visually stunning book recounts the true story of Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition. It has been selected to engage children with a real-life historical adventure while developing their journalistic and factual writing skills.

## English

This half term, Year 5 will explore a range of engaging texts to develop their writing skills. **Balanced Arguments:** Using *The Varmints* by Helen Ward, students will analyze themes such as environmental issues and conflict, inspiring them to write balanced arguments that consider multiple perspectives.

**Stories from Other Cultures:** *The Match Box Diary* by Paul Fleischman will introduce students to narratives from different cultural backgrounds, helping them craft their own stories that reflect diverse experiences and viewpoints.

**Newspaper Reports:** Through *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill, students will delve into the thrilling world of exploration, learning to write detailed newspaper reports that capture significant events and achievements.

### Recommended Reads

***The Promise* by Nicola Davies:** A story about hope, change, and the environment, encouraging discussions about caring for the world.



## Maths

Unit 15 - fractions

Unit 16 - geometry

Unit 17 – measurement

Unit 18 – statistics

Unit 19 – problem solving including bar modelling

## Science

As scientists this half term, Year 5 will focus on **Living Things and Their Habitats**. They will learn how to classify living organisms into groups based on their characteristics, including mammals, birds, insects, and amphibians. Additionally, students will explore how plants and animals adapt to their habitats to survive, from forests to oceans. By engaging in hands-on activities and discussions, they'll gain a deeper understanding of the relationships between living organisms and their environments. Parents can support by encouraging outdoor exploration and discussing the plants and animals found in their local area.

## History

In Year 5, children will study **Ancient Greece**, exploring Greek life, achievements, and their lasting influence on the western world. They'll delve into key aspects of Greek civilisation and society, including mythology, the origins of democracy, the Olympic Games, and advancements in art, philosophy, and science. This unit will highlight the profound legacy of Ancient Greece while encouraging children to connect past achievements to modern life through the substantive concepts of civilisation and society.



# Curriculum Web

## Spring 2



Welcome back, Year 5! We're excited to dive into a fun and engaging Spring Term 2, filled with new learning adventures and opportunities to grow together.

## Computing

In computing, children will explore **data and flat-file databases**, learning how to organise and manage information effectively. They'll also focus on **health, wellbeing, and lifestyle**, including understanding the impact of technology and addressing issues like **online bullying** to promote safe and responsible internet use.

## PSHE

Safety and the changing body & citizenship will be covered this half term.

## M.F.L

Au Café is our French unit this half term. Children will learn how to make and take orders in French.

## Music

In music, children will explore **film music**, singing 2-3 part songs and rounds for enjoyment, with possible links to movies. They'll study how music has evolved in films from the 1920s to today, listening to examples that convey different emotions and genres, such as Sci-Fi, Western, and Romance. They'll create sound effects and use techniques like 'Mickey Mousing' to enhance a film clip, as well as compose leitmotifs for well-known characters. The unit will include a focus on influential composers like John Williams, Ennio Morricone, Rachel Portman, Hans Zimmer, and AR Rahman.

## D.T

In DT, children will design and create **bird boxes**, focusing on the concept of **structures**. They'll explore materials, stability, and functionality to construct durable and appealing bird boxes, applying their creativity and problem-solving skills while learning about supporting wildlife.

## R.E

In RE, children will explore the concept of **miracles**, focusing on the miracles of Jesus and their significance in Christianity. They will also learn about **pilgrimage**, understanding its importance as a spiritual journey.

## P.E

In PE, children will focus on **invasion games** like **netball**, developing key skills such as passing, shooting, and teamwork. They will also learn **net and wall** skills through **badminton**, improving their ability to serve and rally.