

Year 5 – Solent Class

AUTUMN 2026



GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

During the Autumn term, we will be reaching far, and beyond, the skies and learning about Earth and Space and how our planet forms only a tiny part of the Solar System. We will then move on to looking at the story behind the Anglo-Saxons, who were they, how did they get here and the impact they had on Great Britain.

SCIENCE

Earth and Space – This will be our first unit and will involve looking at elements including theories about the solar system, the Earth's tilt, seasons and phases of the moon.

Forces: We will be studying different forces through a range of experiments, including levers and pulleys, air and water resistance, friction and gravity.

ENGLISH

During Autumn One, we will be studying books for both reading and writing objectives. These books will start with 'Journey,' 'Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster,' moving onto a nonfiction text 'The Spectacular Science of Planet Earth,' then to fairy tales with 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin,' and finishing with war poetry.

MATHS

We will begin with place value: numbers to 1,000,000 including decimal numbers. We will look at money and measures & make connections with decimals. We will look at negative numbers, short multiplication & short division. Throughout the term, mental maths skills will be a continued focus & will be practiced through a variety of different activities.

HOMEWORK

We expect the children to frequently read and have their records signed. There will be weekly spelling homework set and tested and there will be optional topic home tasks each term. Can you please also continue to focus on times tables at home. Times Table Rockstars is highly recommended.

COMPUTING

We will be using iPads and laptops during our computing sessions to practice a variety of skills including creating our own media and learning how to share information safely.

PE

We will be having 2 PE sessions a week during the Autumn term. Focusing on tag rugby with Mr. Westhorpe, and net and ball games through Tennis with myself.

FRENCH

To start children will be consolidating their knowledge from the previous year – things like numbers, colours, greetings, hobbies and more.

Autumn 2 will be focused on Space (linked into our topic). This will be an exciting way of learning about the planets and solar system, but in another language!

PSHE/SMSC

Throughout the term we will be developing an understanding of our own feelings and how these feelings change depending on what is happening around us. This term, we will be looking at our unit on relationships which includes covering sessions which discuss families, peer influence, prejudice and discrimination.

TRIPS/VISIT

We start off with a trip to Yarmouth to explore tourism in Winter ready for comparison later in the year. Following this we have an Anglo-Saxon workshop in class.

ART

Our main Artist study for this term will be Peter Thorpe, here we will explore his Rocket series and have a go at creating some of our own rocket art. The class will also study Bridget Riley and her optical illusion work and create our own!

DT

Firstly, we will be creating our own buzz toy and then, in relation to our Anglo-Saxon topic and with inspiration drawn from the workshop, we will be making our own Anglo-Saxon helmets.

MUSIC

We will be learning to make our own compositions inspired by Ancient Egypt. Following this, we will move onto learning about the Blues and where this genre was originally started.

RE

During Autumn one, our RE unit is based on belonging and in autumn two, our unit is interpretation based on the Christmas story. We always link RE days to our own lives and how the concept relates to our experiences.