

Y5 Bulletin: Spring 2026

The Year 5 Team

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You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to y5@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Spring Term Science Topics

Earth and Space

Learning about our Solar System, orbits and planets' rotation



Biomimicry

Studying how biomimicry has influenced scientific development and design



Our School Uniform is important – please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.

School Start Time

8:45am

School End Time

3:30pm

PE Days: **Wednesday and Thursday**
Children should come dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Every day is vital – please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.



Your child is expected to bring in their backpack everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.

It is vital that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.



Your child will be set homework every **Friday**. It must be completed by the following **Thursday**.



Key Dates

6 Jan	Children return
25 Jan	Burns Night
9-15 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
9 and 11 Feb	Parents Meetings
10 Feb	Safer Internet Day
13 Feb	'Come as Yourself' Day
16-20 Feb	HALF TERM
2nd Mar	Daffodil House to wear a yellow accessory to celebrate St. David's Day
5 th Mar	World Book Day Author Visit
6 th Mar	Mbilla Arts: African Drumming
8 th Mar	International Women's Day
17 th Mar	St Patrick's Day (Shamrocks wear a green accessory)
17-21 Mar	Neurodiversity Week
19/20 Mar	Eid ul Fitr
23-27 Mar	RE and Design Tech. Week
27 th Mar	Last day of term (2pm finish)
5 th Apr	Easter Sunday

We are always looking for ways to improve our school – please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

In our **History** unit we will be learning about the Early Islamic Civilisation:

- Using sources to build a picture of past events
- Evaluating a range of perspectives
- Linking sources and interpreting conclusions
- Using artefacts to note trends over time

In our **Geography** unit we will be learning about Climates and Biomes:

- Locating world countries using various maps
- Identify biomes on a world map
- Explain the position and significance of the Equator and the Tropics
- Read information on climate graphs
- Explain how to reduce threats to a given biome

In **Art** this term:

Set Design- That we can create our own "sets" to create models for theatre design backgrounds for an animation.



That we can take our inspiration from the sources of literature or music to inform our creative response and to capture the essence of the drama.

Mixed Media- Land and city scapes- That artists use a variety of media, often combining media in inventive ways to capture the energy and spirit of land or city scapes.

That artists often work outside (plein air) so that all their senses can be used to inform the work.

That as artists we can experiment with materials, combining them to see what happens. We can feel free and safe when to take creative risks without the fear of getting things wrong.

Our **RE** focus this term is:
Peace (Beliefs and Teachings,
How beliefs are expressed)
Forgiveness (Beliefs and
Teachings)

In **Music** pupils will be:
Calypso Music

Body and tuned percussion-
Rainforests

In **Character Curriculum**, we will be learning about:
Dreams and Goals and
Healthy Me

Maths

Represent, identify, name, write, order and compare fractions (including improper and mixed numbers)

Calculate fractions of amount

Add, subtract fractions with denominators that are multiples of the same number

Multiply fractions (and mixed numbers) by a whole number

Explore percentage, decimal, fractions equivalence

Classify, compare and order angles

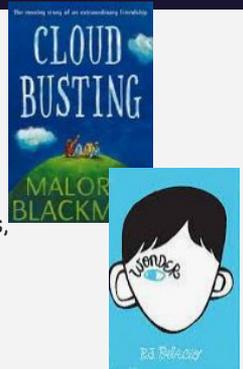
Measure and draw angles with a protractor

English

In writing we will be learning how to write newspaper reports (non-fiction); persuasive texts (non-fiction); character descriptions (fiction); setting descriptions (fiction) and free verse poems.

We will be developing our reading skills through daily lessons, studying the texts 'Cloud Busting' and 'Wonder'.

There will be continuing focus on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.



In **PE**, we will be learning about:

Gymnastics! All the different movement skills, balances, using a spring board and our own performances!

Next half term we will be learning about floor hockey and the range of skills and matches!

In **Spanish**, we'll be learning:

Sports in Spanish Reading and following instructions, children play the Maya ball game; inventing an original ball game, they use the imperative form of some regular verbs to write a set of instructions.

La comida y la bebida Expressing likes and dislikes about food; developing questioning skills to find out about food preferences.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about:

Video editing. Pupils will learn how to create short videos and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.

Year 5 Timetable

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:45	Soft Start	Soft Start	Soft Start	Soft Start	Soft Start
08:55	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09:00	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
09:30	Writing Handwriting (10 mins)	Writing Handwriting (10 mins)	Writing Handwriting (10 mins)	Writing Handwriting (10 mins)	Writing Handwriting (10 mins)
10:40	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:55	Transition to learning	Transition to learning	Transition to learning	Transition to learning	Transition to learning
11:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Music 11-11.30am Times tables (15 mins)	Maths
12:00	Science	Spelling	Spelling	PE 11:45- 12:45	Spelling
12:30	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
13:30	Science	History/Geography	ART	Computing	Character Curriculum
14:00	Science	History/Geography	ART	Computing	Character Curriculum
14:30	Science	History/Geography	PE	Maths	Spanish
15:00	Assembly	Singing Assembly	PE	Maths	Celebration Assembly
15:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal