

Year 5 Curriculum Overview

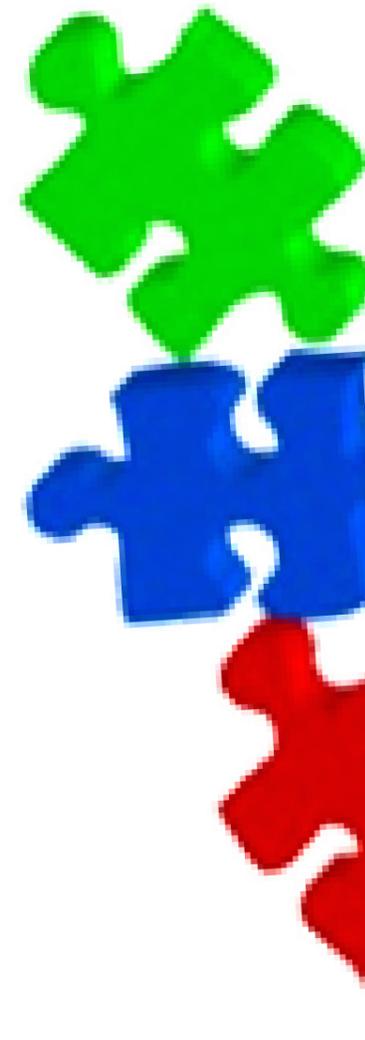
In response to the periods of school closure, we have adapted our planned curriculum with the aim to provide time to tackle any gaps in core skills but still deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that is compliant with the National Curriculum. Every day, pupils will have an English and a maths lesson that will be planned to cater for their exact needs at that moment in time plus supplementary short-burst sessions to further cater for reading, spelling, handwriting and times tables. In addition, all pupils will take part in science, PE, PSHE, computing, geography, history, RE, art, DT, music and French lessons. Where possible and beneficial, these subjects are taught through 'projects' to show connections and give purpose to the learning. Below are our planned curriculum projects for this academic year (subject to change in response to pupils' needs). We will send you a more detailed overview, including a knowledge organiser, as each project begins so that you are aware of what we are teaching and how you can support your child's learning.

Project 1: Stargazers	Journey through space: navigate beyond the Sun (the magnificent, blazing star at the centre of our Solar System). Investigate the eight planets, and take a look at the Moon, a celestial body that orbits Earth.
Project 2: Off with her head!	Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history.
Project 3: Alchemy Island	It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island. Can you find the gold hidden deep within the island's mysterious landscape?
Project 4: Sow, grow, and farm	Let's grow. A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce or a tasty tomato. Dig deep and put your back into it, making your own tubs and planters and nurturing your greens.
Project 5: Beast Creator	A bug, a creepy-crawly, a beast. He'll tickle your skin then go in for the sting. Arachnids, insects, molluscs and myriapods, hiding in nooks and beneath darkened rocks.

Home learning

Home learning will be set every week for Year 5 pupils and those who participate will not only be rewarded through House Points and Merits, but will reap the benefits of regular practice and revision of skills that are needed across curriculum areas and in many walks of life:

- **Reading:** Your child should read on a daily basis for at least 30 minutes and record this in their reading record. Parents are asked to sign the reading record on a Sunday to confirm the reading home learning that has taken place that week.
- **Times tables:** For optimum progress, pupils should play on TT Rockstars for at least 3 minutes every day. This can be accessed at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>. There is also a downloadable app for mobile devices. All pupils have a log on to TT Rockstars.
- **Spelling:** A set of statutory spelling words will be sent home every fortnight in your child's home learning spelling book so that they can practise them. This will normally be on a Thursday. They will also be able to practise these online using the Spelling Shed website (<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>) and the log on details provided to them. These spellings will be tested 2 weeks after they are given out.
- **Arithmetic:** Every week, pupils will take home a piece of maths arithmetic learning to complete in their home learning book. These tasks will focus on skills from across Key Stage 2 and will always rehearse a skill that has been taught in school, with the aim of improving accuracy and speed. Should a pupil misplace their home learning, it will also be viewable on our Teams page.



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A welcome for
parents and carers of
Y5 pupils

Welcome to Year 5

I am excited to be welcoming your children back to SEJ this September for what we hope to be a much calmer year! Understandably, there will be a mixture of emotions as children move up to new classes and teachers, and it is our priority to ensure that we build positive relationships and nurture your children.

When moving into Year Five, the children are joining South End Junior School's 'Upper Hub'. It is our aim to equip the children with tools to further develop their independence as learners and help them learn skills for life, which they can then apply to a variety of situations. As a year team, we endeavour to do this by providing engaging, purposeful and exciting learning opportunities and having high expectations of the children in terms of behaviour and work. We strive for all children to achieve their full potential, and be confident young people.

Our curriculum focuses on skills that need to be taught, applied and deeply embedded within Year 5. Through our creative 'Cornerstones' curriculum, much of the learning is planned and taught in an interwoven way so that the children become more 'hooked' into the learning from the start through making meaningful connections. Pitch-perfect teaching happens everyday, so children are taught exactly what they need to make progress. Like you, we too are striving for every child to achieve and will continually review our approach to ensure maximum success. Having a good growth mindset is something we aspire to have, and children will earn 'stars' when showing perseverance, embracing challenges and learning from mistakes.

Like the rest of the school, learning is planned through projects. Some themes include Earth and Space and Alchemy Island. In response to the school closures, we have needed to further adapt our intended curriculum, but we will still be teaching a broad and balanced curriculum through our five projects. You can find our intended curriculum overview for this year on the last page

All staff involved with your child will work very closely to ensure that they get the most out of their time in Year Five. We cannot express how important the home-school relationship is, and would like to emphasise the fact that you are always welcome to come and speak to us if you have questions or concerns regarding your child or their learning. It is important that the children see a united front between us as staff, and you, their family.

If you find it difficult to come into school, you can call the team through the main office or use our preferred communication route which is to email your child's class teacher using the addresses below:

Miss Hill (Da Vinci)	rhill@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Mrs Jennings (Archimedes)	kjennings@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Mr Woodcock (Engelbart)	dwoodcock@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and celebrating their successes.

Miss Beki Hill
Year 5 Director of Learning

Meet the Year 5 team



Miss Hill
Director of
Learning and Class
Teacher for Da Vinci



Mrs Jennings
Class Teacher for
Archimedes Mon-Thu



Mr Woodcock
Class Teacher for
Engelbart



Miss Swords
Teacher for
Archimedes Fridays



Mrs Clark
Teaching assistant



Mrs Shortland
Teaching assistant



Miss Henesy
Teaching assistant



Mrs Curry
Teaching assistant



Mrs Ebb
Teaching assistant



Mrs Webb
PPA music teacher



Mrs Bird
PPA French teacher



Mrs Twell
PPA RE teacher