



**Brooksward School**  
**Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Year 5/6**  
**Autumn Term 2025**



**Welcome back!**

This leaflet is to provide you with some information about the experiences the children will have this term and the expectations we have so they can be successful in Years 5 and 6.

If you need further details about anything in this leaflet then please contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to continuing to work with you during the year so that you child can enjoy school life and achieve as much as they possibly can.

The Year 5/6 Team.

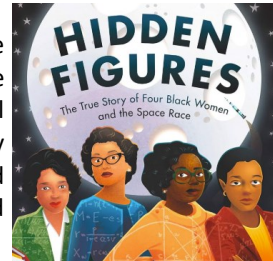
**Year 5/6 Staff:**

Teachers: Miss Docherty & Mr Macdonald, Miss Regan & Mrs Stevens,  
Miss Brereton and Miss Lourdes

Supported by: Mrs Boothman, Mrs Jain & Mrs Safi

### **Literacy**

During the first half term, our Literacy will be based on the book "Hidden Figures". We shall be learning about the incredible women who worked for Nasa, during the Civil Rights Movement. The children will be writing a biography of Katherine Johnson, a letter of complaint and segregation and a diary entry. This is a brand new topic and we hope the children are as excited about it as we are!



In the second half term we will be reading texts and basing our writing around our topic of Ancient Greece. We will be exploring myths and legends including Thesus and the Minotaur and Icarus. This unit will include writing reports, narratives and character descriptions.



In addition, children will take part in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons as well as regular handwriting practise.

### **Maths**

This term, Year 5 and 6 will be consolidating their understanding of place value and developing their written method

knowledge for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying these to large and decimal numbers.

Following this, they will begin a unit of work on fractions, this will include learning how to find fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. All children will also take part in daily maths drill sessions to help them in learning key maths facts such as times tables or division facts.



### **Science**

Our topics this term include Space and Beyond, Inheritance and Ancient Greece. In Year 5 Science, Space and Beyond will allow the children to explore and learn about space outside of the Earth. planets and orbits of the planets. In Year 6, children will be learning about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and which evidence we have for the theory.





### **Geography & History**

In Geography, we will be exploring the country of Russia. We will learn about Russia's geographical features including biomes types, architecture and natural resources. After half term, our history lessons will be on Ancient Greece. We shall be exploring the beliefs and practices of the Ancient Greeks, as well how democracy was developed.

### **Art & DT**

In Art we will be undertaking a study of the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh, looking at his famous painting Starry Night and learning the skills to paint in his style. In the second half term, we will be designing and constructing Greek Cranes, with a lifting mechanism.



### **Computing**

In Computing our focus will be e-safety this term: Year 5s will learning about personal data and creating blogs advising others how to keep their personal details safe. Year 6s will be learning about e-safety within the context of digital medial and copyright. They will then use this learning to create a Prezi presentation for a specific audience.

Later in the term, the children will continue developing their knowledge of algorithms and the language of programming using Scratch (Year 5) and Kodu (Year 6).

### **Music**

We are excited to use a new scheme from Sparkyard, for our music. Each week, children will be learning different songs and building on their musical knowledge, from previous years.

### **PSHE**

During our first half term, we will be learning about ESafety. We shall be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online, which information is ok to be shared and which is not. In the second half term, we shall be exploring healthy relationships. They children will discuss how to resolve conflicts respectfully and understand the idea of actions and consequences.

### **French**

We will be learning to describe portraits in French and will write descriptions of our friends. We will then move on to looking at seasons and the world around us.

## **RE**

In RE lessons this half term we will be exploring Buddhism. We will be learning about its key values, beliefs and practices. During the second half term, we will be learning about historically inspirational people of faith. Throughout the topic, we shall be covering a range of different religions and exploring the actions of figures such as Elizabeth Fry and Guru Nanak.

## **P.E**

The children will be working with Coach Dave to learn about the rules and skills needed in different indoor and outdoor invasion games. In Year 5 they will be focusing on hockey and Year 6 will focus on tactics within a range of games). To participate safely in the lessons, the children must bring in a full PE kit on the following days:

**Swans: Monday and Tuesday**

**Hérons: Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Mallards: Monday and Thursday**

**Kingfishers: Monday and Thursday**



## **Homework**

Every week, the children will be expected to complete the following homework:

- Times table or division facts practise - 4 times
- Spelling practice - 4 times (Spellings will be tested on Wednesday.
- Reading - 4 times (Reading diaries will be checked on Fridays)
- One piece of Maths to be completed on MyMaths.
- (Set on Thursday, due back on the following Tuesday)

**Teachers will be rewarding great home learning habits with dojos and class points.**