

Year 5 Curriculum Update

September 2025

Values: Trust and Unity

It has been great to see your children settling well into Year 5 and it has been a pleasure getting to know them so far. It has been lovely to see the engagement your children have had in the theme of America so far using their own time to research American states, and for sharing their memories of holidays on the continents of North and South America.

'Come Fly with Me – America'

Our learning this half term will be linked to North and Central America. We have started with the location of America and the different states. We have identified some key landmarks and researched a state of interest. As part of the Geography, we will learn about weather and climate and how diverse it is across the states. We are about to visit the American Museum in Bath to learn about the 'discovery' of America and the Native American people who lived there and how the Europeans visiting impacted on their lives and land.

We have started our first class text –The Boy who Biked the World – The America's, which is helping set the scene of the different states in America.



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 23rd September - Visit to American Museum – Bath (see Parent Mail)

Friday 26th September - TT Rockstars Day – come dressed as a Rockstar (see Parent Mail)

Wednesday 15th October - Year 5 Class Assembly (9.10am)

Mondays – alternate Monday's will be Forest School. Next one is Monday 6th October 2025.

Homework & 40 reads

I have spoken to the children about regularly using Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars with a couple of games each day – I would recommend 4/5 but, of course, if they prefer to learn their spellings and multiplication facts in more traditional ways with pen and paper then that's fine too. They can just bring these sheets in to show me and access the websites occasionally.

Reading diaries (now in the form of their diary) will be collected in every Thursday but need to be in school every day. The children are now able to take more responsibility of these, but it is important that parents/carers are still listening to their children read and signing the diaries regularly. Please check over the next few weeks that your child is getting into the habit of writing a sentence or two after they have read to detail what has happened or what they have enjoyed about it. They might even make predictions about what might happen next. The children will be rewarded for every 40 reads they complete.

At times, your child may get additional research homework linked to their themes which will have a deadline and the work will be used to help add detail to their class work.

Forest School

The children have already visited the Forest School site this year and will go every other Monday with Mr Batstone and Mrs Chapman. It is imperative they wear layers and bring a warm coat as the weather gets colder even if the sun is shining it is much cooler under the tree. As part of their visit to Forest School, they will also visit Comet's Meadow to develop the growing and harvesting of a range of crops. These opportunities are very important to us at Madley and are part of the curriculum because we value the positive benefits the outdoors have on our children and us.

Forest School helps children to develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually. We encourage risk taking and the children have already shown they can safely use tools and take risks with their ideas and problems solving too. We aim to inspire the children to make meaningful connections to the world while building self-belief to become healthy, resilient, creative learners.



If you have any concerns or queries or celebrations, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards, Mrs Lee and the Year 5 Team

