

Year 5

Autumn Term 1 – September to October 2026

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English

We will begin with a story writing unit, looking at "How and why tales". These are traditional folklore tales to explain how animals got their unusual features. We will develop our vocabulary, sentence structure and text structure skills.



Maths

We will focus on place value (reading, writing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000). We will then look at rounding numbers to the nearest 10/100/1,000. Finally, we will look at addition and subtraction, including formal written methods and mental methods.



Science

We will learn about the different organs in the human digestive system and the role each plays in digesting our food. We will then compare the digestive systems of other animals and consider how their digestive systems evolved to cope with their diets.



Topic

Our first topic is all about India, with the main focus being geography. We will develop our map work skills, consider the difference in climate between Slovakia and India, and looking at human aspects of geography such as culture and religion.



Slovak

During this period, students become familiar with word formation using prefixes and deepen their understanding of direct speech. At the same time, they revise and consolidate their knowledge of selected words. They further develop their creative writing skills.



PE

Students start with basketball footwork and spatial awareness. They practice dynamic warm-ups and court safety. They drill skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting, followed by targeted fitness for strength and stamina, finally applying basic rules in mini games.



Art

Students will develop their understanding of colour and tone by exploring monochromatic colour schemes and creating variation through light and dark values. They will develop their collage skills, experimenting with layering and composition.



Music

In Year 5, we will begin to understand the concept of chords and how different notes can be combined to convey different emotions. We will also explore Indian melodies, harmonies, and rhythms to understand how musical traditions differ around the world.



Computing

Students will build confidence navigating the Purple Mash platform and its tools. For online safety, they will learn to protect personal data, recognise risks, and know how to act if feeling uncomfortable online. They will also code more advanced programs.



German

Students will develop their ability to express and compare likes, dislikes and preferences using gern, nicht gern and lieber, giving simple reasons with weil. They will also learn body parts and feelings and use structures such as Mir tut ... weh to communicate clearly.



Spanish

Students will develop their ability to express likes, dislikes and preferences, giving simple reasons using porque. They will also learn vocabulary for body parts and feelings and develop the language needed to describe how they feel.



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