

Curriculum Overview: Year 5 Spring 2



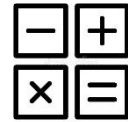
English

In English, we will be using the book, The Promise to develop our understanding of characterisation through drama concluding with writing a third person character narrative.

We will then write a newspaper report based on an event from the book.

Throughout both of these units, we will increase our familiarisation with a range of new vocabulary, evaluate the effect of sentences on the reader and analyse text structures using a model text.

Finally, we will plan, write and edit our final pieces.



Maths

We will continue learning about fractions and decimals. We will then learn about angles and learn how to use a protractor.

We will learn how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators and explore percentages, decimals and fraction equivalence.

Angel Road Schools follow Mathematics Mastery by Ark Curriculum Plus.

You can find more information here by [clicking here](#).

You can help at home by encouraging your child to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars.



Phonics and Reading

In reading, we will explore texts which help to develop our vocabulary and build our reading fluency. We will learn how to answer questions using evidence from the texts.

Our class reader is 'The Song Walker' by Zillah Bethell.

You will be sent home a copy of your child's weekly spelling patterns. Some children will be set different spellings depending on their phonics/spelling knowledge.

You can help at home by reading every day with your child.

Geography

We are learning about Australia. We will study the location and physical geography of the country and its diverse history. We will learn about Captain James Cook, settlers and aboriginal people of Australia. We will then explore the climate and biomes in Australia and the animals and plants that live there.



For more information, click here to have a look at our [geography knowledge organiser](#).

History

In history, we will learn about the Transatlantic slave trade. We will explore the slave trade in America and Europe, learning about the work done on plantations and how slave ships were used. We will discuss the abolition of the slave trade in Britain and the role of Thomas Clarkson.



For more information, click here to have a look at our [history knowledge organiser](#).

Science

Our science learning will help us to understand living things and their habitats. First, we will think about how plants and animals change throughout the year. We will explore reproduction in plants and the life cycles of different animals. We will learn about the work of David Attenborough and Jane Goodall.



For more information, click here to look at our [science knowledge organiser](#).

Art

In art, we will learn about Chinese painting and ceramics. We will experiment with Chinese painting materials and different brushstrokes. We will paint Chinese characters and learn about Chinese calligraphy. We will draw and paint a bamboo picture and learn about Chinese porcelain.



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Other Subjects

Personal Development: Family & Friends

PE: Dance

Music: Finding a Voice Singing Project

Spanish: Pets in Spanish

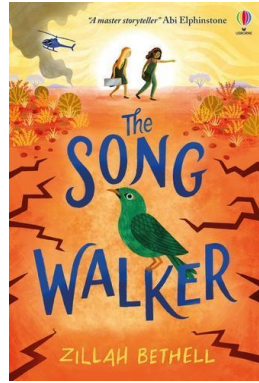
RE: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?

Computing: Programming



You can find out more about our curriculum, how it has been designed and how you can help at home on our school website:

www.angelroadschools.org.uk



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The Song Walker is an extraordinary new story of friendship, discovery and courage from Zillah Bethell, author of [The Shark Caller](#) which won the Wales Book of the Year and the Edward Stanford Children's Travel Book of the Year 2022.

"There are three questions that I need to find the answers to: Where am I? What am I doing here? And... Who am I?"

When a young girl wakes up in the middle of the desert, she has no idea who she is. She's wearing one shoe, a silky black dress, and she's carrying a strange, heavy case. She meets Tarni, who is on a mysterious quest of her own. Together, the two girls trek across the vast and ever-changing Australian Outback in search of answers. Except both are also hiding secrets.



Regular Reminders

- Please **read with your child every day** and record this in their reading diary.
- Please encourage your child to practise their maths every day on 
- Our PE day is **Friday**.
- Please send your child's **book bag and reading books** to school **every day** as an adult may read with them.
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, you can usually catch them at the end of the day. If you want to speak for longer, please get in touch with the school office.

Three ways your child should be reading. Is your child regularly getting all three?

<u><i>Read in their heads to themselves.</i></u>	<u><i>Read aloud to someone</i></u>	<u><i>Be read to by an adult</i></u>
 <i>A book at your child's reading level.</i>	 <i>A book either at your child's reading level or just above (because you are there to help them).</i>	 <i>Use this as an opportunity to expose your child to books slightly above their own reading level, which they wouldn't be able to access on their own.</i>

Our three school rules are:

Ready



Respectful



Safe



We recognise amazing behaviour through team tokens, golden certificates and positive notes, emails and phone calls home. We also send children who have gone over and above to have their name put in the 'Golden Book', and we share their success in our whole school assembly. Look out for the certificates!