



Petersfield Church of England School

Curriculum Information

Yew Class, Autumn Term 2026

English

In English, we will be exploring two engaging and very different texts: *Short Too!* by Kevin Crossley-Holland and *Planetarium* by Raman Prinja and Chris Wormell, as part of our Essential Writing Curriculum. Through *Short Too!*, we will explore a collection of very short stories, developing our understanding of how authors can create character, atmosphere, humour and suspense using carefully chosen words. The stories are deliberately brief but provide plenty of opportunities to discuss meaning, vocabulary, inference and the impact of an author's choices. We will then turn our attention to *Planetarium*, an engaging non-fiction text exploring the wonders of space, including planets, stars, galaxies and the wider universe. We will develop our ability to read and understand information texts, identify key information and use precise, technical vocabulary. The book combines informative writing with striking illustrations.

Religious Education

We will investigate 'Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?' and 'Why are some places in the world significant to believers?'

Computing

We will be developing our digital creativity through a 3D modelling unit. We will learn how to use digital tools to create, manipulate and edit three-dimensional models, exploring how different shapes and objects can be combined to create a finished design. We will develop our problem-solving and computational thinking skills as we plan, create, evaluate and improve our models. We will also consider how 3D modelling is used in the real world, including in design.

Mathematics

In the autumn term, we will consolidate and extend key arithmetic skills, including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will explore fractions, decimals, and percentages, investigate number patterns and apply reasoning to solve problems. This term also emphasises mathematical fluency, problem-solving strategies and real-life applications, in preparation for more complex concepts in later terms.



Geography & History

In geography, we will be exploring 'Why does the population change?' We will investigate why populations grow, decline and move, considering factors such as birth and death rates, migration and changes in living conditions. In history, we will be studying 'What can the census tell us about local area?' Using census records as an important historical source, we will investigate how our local area has changed over time. We will learn how historians use census data as part of their research.

Science

This term, we will be learning about 'Unbalanced Forces' through our Primary Science Curriculum. We will investigate how forces affect the movement of objects. We will be exploring gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction through exciting practical enquiries and scientific investigations. We will also discover how simple machines, including levers, pulleys and gears, help to make everyday tasks easier. Throughout the unit, we will develop our scientific knowledge alongside our ability to predict, observe, measure and explain how forces work in the world around us.

Art: We will be exploring how artists use space, scale and materials to create installation art that conveys ideas, transforms spaces and shapes the viewer's experience.

DT: We will be selecting fabrics, using templates and joining materials to create a waistcoat for a chosen person or purpose.

Music: All the learning is focused around one song: 'Happy'. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, we will listen and appraise other classic rock songs.

Spanish: Year 5 will learn: Times tables, telling the time, food and drink.

Year 6 will learn: Greetings, numbers, the alphabet, describing ourselves and describing others.

PSHE: We will be learning about the role money plays in our lives and how respect and and manage money to be financially capable.

PE: Learning and developing key skills in: netball, outdoor adventurous activities, dance and hockey.