



# Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter

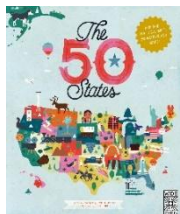
## Year: 5

## Term: Spring 2 2025



**Termly overview:** Another 6-week half-term is upon us and we turn our attention to a little more outdoor work that we've had in recent months. Again, please ensure children have wellies in school each day to allow outdoor play and learning whatever the weather gives us. PE days continue to be Wednesday and Friday with some children finishing their swimming sessions on a Friday afternoon at Easter. Please continue to encourage your child to read most days, access Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars at least 3x weekly and, if they have a login, Reading Plus to complete 5 books per week. Class Dojo will continue to be the main communication tool for class messages as well as Facebook for photos of what we have been up to! Thanks. *Mrs Salonga*

**English:** We are continuing learning on the Americas and using the text of 50 States which is jam-packed with facts about each of the states of the USA. Our writing will be focused on persuasion where we will be creating a leaflet based on our own choice of state to persuade others that it is an amazing place to visit.



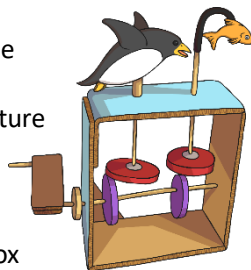
**Storytime / RfP:** After Room 13, the vote went for 'another in the same style, please'! Crater Lake is an exciting tale based on a Year 6 school residential. Let's see how the characters deal with the twists and turns of this rather unique outdoor centre...



**Maths:** We are building on our fractions work by learning how decimals and percentages are linked. After this, we'll move to perimeter and area where, again, we need to know our tables really, really well so please keep practising at home – at least 5 minutes, 3 times per week on TTRS, if you can.



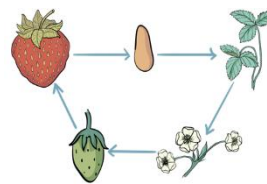
**DT:** This term's unit will look at cams and the movement created by different shapes. We will be using saws and glue guns to create a sturdy frame structure then adding a cam mechanism to make a moving toy. An old shoe box would be very helpful if you have any. Thank you.



**RE:** We will be starting to think about Easter with our unit of 'What does Jesus' death and Resurrection mean to Christians?' We'll look at how Christians prepare for Easter and the meaning of Lent. We'll also discuss repentance and how the Jewish festival of Pesach fits with the story of Easter?



**Science:** Life cycles is our new area of learning where we will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We'll also learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.



**History:** Using our local area, we are beginning a longer history unit about changes in Leyburn with a focus on the Victorian period. We will be exploring the wider national change brought about by the Industrial Revolution as well as how this may have impacted on our town. We will use sources such as census data, maps and photographs to explore what life was like for people living here. Any personal connections you could bring to our learning would be wonderful.



**PE:**

### \* Wednesday & Friday \*

We will be refining our game-play in netball on a Wednesday and, on Friday, some of us will swim and some will focus on core strength and flexibility with yoga and gymnastics.

Please have spare shoes for PE days in case we are outside and get muddy.

**PSHE:** The world of work, stereotypes and social media will be our focus this half-term. We will be exploring the idea of bias and stereotypes and how we view different employment options for our own future.

**Computing:** This half-term will be iPad based as we learn all about making movies with the 'imovie' app. We'll be out and about filming around school then editing it to create effects, adding music and voiceovers – Hollywood, here we come!



**French:** We'll be learning how to talk about the seasons as well as revising days of the week, months of the year and numbers, too. Here's another video to get you moving and practise the vocabulary of the seasons!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/articles/zwxwqfr>