



Welcome to Year 5 Autumn



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Year 5. The children have settled into their new classes extremely well, and are becoming familiar with new routines. The Upper end of KS2 is an exciting and busy place to be, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 5. Through a newsletter, so here is the first one of the year. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you, Miss McQuade, Mr Sherrington and Miss McGee.

Maths



The children love daily Maths lessons and rise to the challenge of timed tests. We are focusing on the four basic number rules so that we can use and apply them to all maths' topics. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. In Year 5 we expect children to know all their times tables. Weekly 'times tables tests' will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables –you could quiz them on the way to and from school! Maths homework will be set every other week. The main areas we will cover this term are:

Number, place value and problem solving.

Multiplication and Division

Addition and Subtraction

Fractions

English



This term, our English will be closely linked to Black History Month and Space Week and have a text focus. We will begin with A series of unfortunate events by Lemony Snicket. The writing genres we will be looking at are setting descriptions, biographies, poetry and story writing. In our reading sessions, we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class.

On a Monday, children will investigate a spelling rule. These spellings will then become the children's spelling homework. Children will be moving away from using simple sentences and look at extending sentences to create more complex and interesting sentences.

Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences. This will help children speak confidently in front of their peers and to perform poetry towards the end of the term.

PE

Our P.E lessons are delivered by Mr Sherrington, Miss McQuade and Mr Barber and the children will learn the rules of tag rugby this half term. Then Dodgeball and Netball in Autumn 2. They will practise various techniques, passing the ball then practise these against their opponents. The children will build on their team work skills from last year. This will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Children will also learn why P.E is so important and the effects that exercise has on the body. Children can come into school in PE kits with school uniform in their bags to change into after lesson. As the weather becomes colder, please make sure children have an appropriate P.E kit including dark tracksuit bottoms and a zip up jacket. Thank you.

RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is Ourselves and Life Choices. We will look at how we all have different qualities and talents that make us unique. We will be able to retell stories about religious events and people, such as and describe what it means to be called to live a Christian life. We will learn to make links between the scripture and the call to holiness, whilst developing our religious vocabulary. We will study Judaism where we will look at the Torah and the stories of Abraham and Moses. We will also learn about hope at Advent and the importance of hope. We will be able to retell the birth of Jesus and make links between Scripture texts and the belief that God sent Jesus to earth as the Messiah.

Science

We will begin the year studying the classifications of animals, by looking at vertebrates and invertebrates and what animal groups can be found within these. I wonder if you know what a Mollusc is? The children will then touch upon the 6 stages of the human life cycle and the main differences between these. We will focus on the development of a foetus and look at how the children have changed since they were babies. After half term we will learn all about plants and habitats and how we can protect our world. The children will be doing lots of experiments, scientific thinking and working as scientists.



Computing

We are very busy in Computing this term because we are completing a lot of research on our Topic subjects and Science using the iPads. We are also going to find out about Black History Month and code breaking. This term children will be studying: E-safety, programming and how to break codes.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.

Geography



Our geography skills will link closely to our history topic by using compasses to locate Medieval sites on a map. We will look at how Medieval sites have developed and changed over time and why land was so important during the Middle Ages. We will focus on more geography in the Spring term.

History

We are very excited to be learning all about Ancient Greece. Children will look at how the Greeks created the first Olympics and why. Why they had so many Gods and Goddesses plus what made Zeus very angry! We will look at life in Ancient Greece and how their democracy worked.

Art, Music and D&T

These areas of the curriculum will be linked mainly with our History, Geography and English. Children focus on an artist called Faith Ringgold who tells stories through her art work. The children will develop their painting and textile skills.

In D and T, the children will be looking at bread and different types of bread that is available to buy. They will then make their very own bread! The children will then look at mechanical toys and how to create their own.

There will be weekly music lessons incorporating singing and instrumental playing. Lessons will include learning about musicians and different music genres, playing instruments, and learning about the different features of music.

Homework

Children in year 5 are required to do homework almost every night. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. Included (each night) in this is 15 minutes reading. They should spend then complete a row on spellings and a row on times tables which are set each week. In addition, one week there will be English work and the subsequent week Maths homework. As always, thank you very much for your wonderful support!

Important Dates

Class 10 Pilgrim Pitstop: Tuesday 21st September (9:15)

Class 10 Mass: Wednesday 8th October

October Holidays: Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Monday 5th January 2026

