Year 5 Newsletter

September - October 2026

Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! The school gates open at 8:30am and your child is expected to be in school and in class by 8:45am.

PE

Our PE day will be Wednesday and Friday for this half-term. Your child will need to come in-to school dressed in their PE kit. Their first PE lesson will be on Wednesday 9th September.

Homework

Details and expectations for homework can be found in the parent leaflet.

Science

Properties of Materials is our topic this half term. Perhaps you could ask your child what materials they can find around home and think about how they would change if they were mixed together, heated or cooled. Can it be reversed?

Other Topics

Computing ~ Augmented Reality, Music ~ Ancient Egypt RE ~ How far would a Sikh go for their religion? French ~ French Speaking World PSHE ~ Being Me in My World Art ~ Formal Elements: Architecture History ~ Ancient Greeks

Reading

It is expected that your child reads at least 5 times a week. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and to get into the practice of recording this in their reading diary. This is checked each Friday in school to ensure that children are reading at home. Please write the page number they have read to in their book and make a comment on their reading. I cannot express the how important regular reading is for children! I would also encourage you to still listen to your child read regularly too.

English

This half term we will be reading the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' and will focus on writing diary entries, recounts, news bulletins and a biography. They will then read 'Robot Girl' and will develop their discussion and debate skills, compare characters and they will also create effective dia-logue to convey character. After making predictions about twists and turns in the story, they will go on to create atmospheric setting descriptions, give a character advice about what to do, and write an action scene.

Maths

This half term we will be covering work on: calculation, number and place value and addition and subtraction. We will also be practising mental maths regularly and will have a mental maths test each week.

Times Tables

Each Friday your child will be tested on their times tables. The times table they will need to learn will be mentioned on their homework sheet. Knowing times tables and developing strong mental maths skills is essential for all aspects of maths and to ensure good levels of progress. Please revise and test your child regularly to support them in their learning.