



Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn term

Maths

In Maths, Year 5 are focusing on **place value, decimals, and the four operations** (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Pupils will be consolidating their understanding of number, learning to work confidently with larger numbers and decimal values, and applying efficient written and mental methods to solve problems.

Science

States of Matter: Year 5 will be learning all about the different states of matter and looking at reversible and irreversible changes.

Physical Education

This term in PE, Year 5 will be taking part in **Outdoor and Adventurous Activities**. The focus will be on **team building** and developing **effective communication skills**. Pupils will work together to solve challenges, build trust, and strengthen their ability to cooperate and support one another.

P.E will be on a **Thursday**

Weather permitting, PE will be outside. Please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit – plain white t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and trainers.

Diary Dates

Friday 25th September – European Day of Modern Foreign languages.

October – Black History Month

Homework

Reading

We ask that children **read at least five times per week at home**, and that this is recorded in their reading records. This consistent practice makes a real difference in preparing pupils for the demands of Year 5 and beyond. Thank you for your support in encouraging a love of reading at home.

Homework

A suggested homework timetable will be sent home every **Friday**. This will include:

- A research task
- **Times Tables Rock Stars** to practice building fluency
- **Language Angels**

We encourage children to spread their homework tasks across the week to keep practice regular and manageable. Thank you for supporting your child with these important routines.

English

In English, we are using the novel *'The Last Wild'*, and producing 2 independent writes using the novel. Year 5 will be producing a letter and continuing the story.



History

This term in History, the children will be exploring **How Britain changed after the end of the Roman Empire**.



Geography

In Geography, Year 5 will be learning all about how and why countries develop. We will be locating developed and developing nations, comparing common features and looking at differences.

DT

In DT, Year 5 are looking at how to build a build and will be planning their own bridge to be built in their hometown.

R.E.

In RE this term, Year 5 are learning about the different beliefs and practices within Hinduism.

Computing

In Computing, Year 5 are learning about how messages can be sent discretely over distance.

PSHE

In PSHE, Year 5 are learning about all the good things they can do within their community, by studying a scenario on children who don't make the right decisions and giving them advice on how to do better.

Supporting your child's learning

History & English: Talk about family stories from WW1 or WW2, or watch age-appropriate documentaries/films together to bring our topics to life. **Geography & Science:** Discuss where your household energy comes from, or explore how simple circuits work with a torch or battery-operated toy. **PSHE:** Encourage small acts of kindness at home or in the community and reflect together on the impact.