

Year 5 Newsletter - Summer 1 2026

Dear Parents, welcome back to Year 5 and our Summer 1 newsletter.

We can't believe we have reached the summer term already! A big thank you for supporting your children to access Google Classroom. The children appear to really enjoy using it. This is still new and something that we are becoming familiar with. I shall continue to upload homework, quizzes and pre-reading, for the topics and we are covering to support your children. Any issues, please come and see me.

This newsletter will outline what your children will be learning across the curriculum this half term.

Ms Peplow and Mrs Kainth

 English	This half term, Y5 will be focusing on poetry, fiction and non-fiction. They will be writing a fiction narrative and a persuasive letter. Our Shared Reading text will be 'A pocketful of stars' by Aisha Bushby. The theme we will be focusing on is 'Hope and Survival'. Our author of the term is Benjamin Zephaniah. Use the link below to access a range of reading books at home. https://openlibrary.org/ This is a free online library where you can access a range of books.
 Maths	At the start of this term, we will be working on area and perimeter, as well as statistics. The children will then move onto geometry: shape and position and direction. The link below can help support your child with Mathematics at home! https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39
 Science	In Science this half term, children will be learning about: reversible and irreversible changes. The children will be conducting experiments to show change and irreversible change. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zvh8qp3
 RE	In RE this term, we will be starting the unit: More Hindu Stories. Children will be looking at what Hindus learn from Vishnu's stories and symbols.
 Computing	In Computing this term, we shall be starting our Creating Media unit: introduction to vector graphics. In this unit, learners start to create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images.
 History	In History, our new unit is called: Arabia and early Islam. Children will be exploring and thinking about the kinds of change that Muhammad brought about in Arabia.
 Geography	Our new unit in Geography is: Earthquakes. Children will be learning about the effects that earthquakes have on people and on the environment.
 Art and Design	In Design and Technology, the children will be working on healthy and nutritious cooking. Children will be working with the artist-in-residence (Mr Choudhardy) this term. They will be looking at the artist, Beverley Buchanan.
 PE	During this half term, the children will be focusing on gymnastics: shape and balance. We will cover a range of fundamental skills needed for all gymnasts, as well as introducing children to rhythmic gymnastics, which is used as a way to represent the movement of the Earth, Sun and Moon. This will happen every Monday. Please remember that the children must wear PE kits from home and wear joggers, a white or blue shirt and trainers.
 Music	This term, Year 5 will be focusing on looping and remixing. Children will be working towards performing a piece with some structure and two different loops.
Modern Foreign Languages	In Latin, we shall be focusing on Past continuous tense.
PSHE	In PSHE this half term, the children will be focusing on shared responsibilities, media literacy and digital responsibilities.



Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.40am**.

THANK YOU