

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 11th September 2025

Welcome to Year 5 - We hope you had a lovely and relaxing summer holiday! Outlined below are expectations for Year 5 and overviews of topics that we will cover during the Autumn term. We will be hosting a 'Coffee Afternoon', where we will explain more about the year ahead and be able to discuss any questions from parents about the curriculum. The date for this will be Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 2:50pm - 3:15am.

Homework - Each week, children will be expected to practise their spellings and times tables to support their in-school learning. Children will be given 10 spellings to learn and will be tested weekly on a Friday. Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in. We would also like children to spend 30 minutes a week on TT Rockstars to practise their times table recall up to 12 x 12.

Reading - This should be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. Books can be borrowed from school or brought in from home. Reading journals will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher or TA. In Year 5, we expect a minimum of 3 entries per week.

Phones- Children must hand in their phones at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Each class has their own phone box; phones will be stored in a locked cupboard during the school day as phones are not permitted during the school day. Please note, this also applies to other smart devices (e.g. smart watches).

Sensible Pencil cases- In Years 3-6, children need to bring their own pencil cases (which must be able to fit in their trays) with equipment to use every day at school. Essential equipment for daily work includes: HB writing pencils, felt tips (sharpies are not appropriate), a small sharpener, a rubber, a 30cm ruler, colouring pencils, an uncoloured glue stick. Please note that parents and carers are responsible for replenishing pencil cases as KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do this - glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

Curriculum

Maths - In Maths this term, we will be focusing on the children's understanding of number, roman numerals, place value and the formal methods for addition and subtraction. In our arithmetic

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lessons, we will continue to revise the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to boost children's mathematical fluency.

English - We will start the term by exploring our new class reader: **Cosmic** and the key characters, building descriptions and inferring character's thoughts, feelings and motives from their actions. We will continue to use 'Talk for Writing' as our method to deliver our English lessons. The grammar objectives we will be focussing on are: adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs, whilst spelling will focus on rules linked to the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 statutory spelling lists.

Geography- Our geography unit for the Autumn term is "**What it's like to live in northern Italy**". We will be using our geography skills to investigate: to identify where northern Italy is located; to compare landscapes of northern Italy; exploring similarities and differences to the UK.

Science - Our topic for this term is **Earth and Space**, followed by **Forces** in Autumn 2. We will be learning the eight planets as well as understanding how we orbit the sun. In addition, we will be planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions and investigate the properties of materials in class.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This term we will be exploring 'Why should we care for our world?' through a variety of religious contexts.

PE - The children will have rugby on **Wednesdays** and indoor PE on **Thursdays**. Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain. A letter regarding swimming arrangements will be sent separately.

Computing- The focus for this half-term will be **E-safety** and '**Computer Systems**'. Children will be using programmes on Purple Mash and exploring a new computer curriculum called 'Teach Computing.'

This year, we will be using ClassDojo to communicate any class notices (such as school trip information and class news) and pictures. ClassDojo also has a messaging feature for teacher-parent communications so please make sure you have signed up..

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tipton, Mr Jagger and the Year 5 team.

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