

Autumn 1 Half Term NewsletterMiss Noonan (Class Teacher) & Mrs Johnson (Class Teaching Assistant)Welcome to Year five!

We're really looking forward to the start of a new school year and all the opportunities it will bring. Year Five promises to be a year filled with learning, adventures, and lots of laughter! As always, we understand that children may have a mix of emotions as they return to school, but we're confident that they will soon feel comfortable, settled, and ready to embrace all that Year Five has to offer.

I'm delighted to be teaching the children for another year and am especially pleased to be working alongside Mrs Johnson, who brings great enthusiasm to our classroom.

We're always happy to speak with parents, so if you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply something you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me. Our priority is to ensure every child has a smooth transition into the new school year and continues to make the progress we know they are capable of.

We would also like to invite you to our annual Meet the Teacher meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 3:35pm in the Year 5 classroom. During the meeting, we'll share important information about the year ahead and answer any questions you may have. Year 5 pupils will wait in the Year 6 classroom until the meeting ends.

The Year Five Curriculum

Year 5 is jam-packed with plenty of learning! You will see an overview of our learning for the first half term below in the curriculum map section of the newsletter. Our school website also includes lots of information about the year 5 curriculum, including knowledge organisers, curriculum maps and home learning resources, so please head over to find out about all of the Year Five Curriculum. You will find this information under - **Our Curriculum- Knowledge organisers** and also **Parents/Carers- class newsletters**. You will also be able to find an online copy of autumn 1 spellings here too.

Home Learning- Reading, spelling, TTRSReading

In Year Five, we continue to prioritise reading, with a huge focus on comprehension skills. We have now introduced an exciting new online programme called Reading Plus, which replaces Accelerated Reader. After visiting schools that have already made the switch, we have seen first-hand the outstanding impact this programme has had on children's reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

While we understand some parents may have concerns about screentime, it's important to recognise the benefits of purposeful, educational screen use. Reading Plus is a research-backed platform designed to develop confident, capable readers - and sessions can be completed in as little as 10 minutes. It can be accessed on any device, including tablets, laptops, and even gaming consoles like PlayStations!

Alongside Reading Plus, children will be provided with a home reading book from our school library as we understand the importance of reading for pleasure. The children will also have a weekly opportunity to visit the school library to pick an additional book. Please encourage children to read these books at home, but to also feel free to read any other book they may enjoy - this could include books from home, a library or even magazines and newspapers. All reading is good reading!

We kindly ask that your child's reading journal is signed five times a week, with a mixture of Reading Plus and reading for pleasure.

Times Tables

Children will continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rockstars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily. The children will complete weekly sound checks on TTRS to assess their fluency of their times tables. I know how much hard work the children put into their times table learning in year 4 and I am excited to see this continue!

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term (see attached sheet - these are also saved on the website). We encourage pupils to practise these spellings as frequently as possible at home. It is beneficial for the children to practise their spellings within sentences to support the understanding of the words meaning. Spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child's book bag comes to school each day. Pupils should ensure that they have their reading book and Learning Journal in their book bag every day. Letters sent home will be placed in book bags, so please do check frequently for these.

Home-time

In Year Five, pupils are to be picked up from the classroom door at the end of the day.

A reminder that for safeguarding purposes, you must inform a member of staff if you wish your child to be collected by an adult that does not usually collect them.

Communication

Seesaw will continue to be used by class teachers, and your login details should stay the same. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know and we can send the details home. Seesaw may be used to send announcements, any extra home learning or even to showcase excellent work.

Methods of communication to a member of staff at school:

- Book an appointment via the school office (email/telephone)
- Written message in the learning journal (please direct the children to bring this to my attention as journals are not checked daily).
- Message via seesaw (please note - this method is for short reminder messages, anything more detailed please book an appointment).
- Chat at the door (please note - this method is for short reminder messages, anything more detailed please book an appointment).

PE

Year 5 will be completing their swimming lessons during autumn term on Tuesday afternoons as part of our PE curriculum. Please ensure you have given consent via the MyEd app before lessons begin on Tuesday 9th September. The children will need to bring their swimming kits to school on Tuesdays and wear full school uniform.

If your child takes part in an extra-curricular club, please can they bring their own sports kit into school each week.

Five Be Experiences

Be an Explorer

As part of our 'Be an Explorer' strand, we will be going to climb a mountain at Grasmere on Tuesday 21st October, which you will receive a letter about soon. We will discuss this in the Meet the Teacher meeting on Tuesday 16th September.

Be The Best Version of Myself

Thinking ahead to Spring 1, we also have our residential trip to Robinwood booked for Monday 5th January- 7th January, which I am sure the children will be really excited about. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in many exciting activities and step out of their comfort zone.

Harvest Service

Year 5 will be delivering a Harvest Service on Friday 10th October. Each of the children will have a role in the service. Further details regarding costumes and timings will be sent home soon.

Key Dates for your diary: Please note, there may be other events that aren't included in the list below.

Tuesday 16th September - Year 5 Meet the Teacher Meeting

Wednesday 8th October - Parents Evening

Friday 10th October - Year 5 Harvest Service (Year 5 parents invited)

Tuesday 21st October - Year 5 Grasmere Trip

Thursday 23rd October - School Photographs

Friday 24th October - Grandparents Bingo & End of autumn 1 half term

Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th January - Robinwood Residential

Class worship dates to be confirmed.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead and thank you in advance for your support this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point this year.

Miss Noonan ☺

Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'

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Curriculum Map Year Five

Maths In maths, we will be focussing our learning on place value then moving onto carrying out calculations including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will aim to have a secure understanding of the above concepts before we move on. We will continue to practice our fluency of times tables through weekly times table lessons and soundchecks.	English In English, we will be reading 'Where we Once Stood' by Christopher Riley and Martin Impey. We will be reading different stories of the Apollo Astronauts who walked on the moon, watching and listening to video clips and completing a range of writing opportunities. We will be completing a main writing outcome of an exploration narrative! In guided reading, we will read a range of texts and develop our reading skills using reading VIPERS.	RE In RE, we will be learning about The Bible. We will be focussing on why this is an important book for all Christians and how we use the Bible to bring ourselves closer to God. Some of us will be taking part in confirmation lessons during these afternoons. We will also deliver a Harvest Service to parents on Friday, 10th October.
History In History, we will be building on what the children know about Ancient Greece and looking in more detail at particular significant events such as the Peloponnesian War. As well as investigating the Greek architecture such as the Parthenon as well as exploring at Greek literature and philosophy.	Geography In geography, we will be learning about Volcanoes. We will begin learning about the four layers that the earth is made up of, before learning about what happens when a volcano erupts and how they are formed. We will then learn about active, dormant and extinct volcanoes as well as learning about a case study volcano: Mount Etna.	Science In our science lessons this half term we will be studying the Human Body. In particular, we will focus on the circulatory system and the function of the human heart. We will also look at the components of Human Blood and think about Blood Pressure and Heart Rate.
PE In PE, we will be completing our swimming lessons where we will continue to focus on competence and confidence of a variety of strokes at varying lengths and depths. We will also look at other skills to enter the water and survival skills.	Computing In computing, we will be learning about computer systems and networks. We will learn that computers can be connected together to form systems and how information is shared across the internet.	Art In Art, we will be learning about Style. We will look at different styles through time in art and think about how this has adapted, particularly in design. We will practise our own design skills and think about abstract art and colour theory.
DT DT will be delivered by specialist DT teacher Mrs O'Donnell at set dates during the school year.	Music The children will be completing their music lessons next half term.	PSHE In PSHE, we will learning about our brains and how we can influence how team H-A-P work together. We will look at triggers for our amygdala and calming techniques. We will also look at the rise of cortisol during stressful times and how we can manage this using our 'Happy Breathing' technique.

Year 5 - Home/School Spellings - Autumn 1

Here are the home spellings for year 5 this half term, you may notice some spellings are repeated this is to help strengthen the children's learning. The children will be learning the words in class the week prior to the test. Tests will be every Friday, please practice the spellings with your child in sentences to help with the application and understanding of each word. You can find copies of these spellings on our class webpage.

	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Test date	Friday 19 th Sep	Friday 26 th Sep	Friday 3 rd Oct	Friday 10 th Oct	Friday 17 th Oct	Friday 24 th Oct
	compelled  embedding admitting propeller quickly  exactly suddenly carefully accommodate accompany	untidily  sleepily crazily steadily freckly  scribbly dribbly visibly according persuade	classically  drastically specifically realistically receive  perceive receipt deceit opportunity marvellous	trouble  courage country touch co-ordinate  re-enter co-operate de-ice rhythm rhyme	honest  hour when ghost whale  white heir rhyme vehicle  queue	A review of all words learnt this half term (10 random).