

YEAR FIVE

Summer 1 Half Term Newsletter

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Welcome back to the first half of the summer term!

I hope that you had a lovely Easter break together and enjoyed some chocolate! We are ready to embark on our last term of Year 5 and have plenty of exciting opportunities for the children. I hope they enjoyed a lovely break and are refreshed, recharged and ready for another busy term ahead! It was lovely to catch up with you all during parents evening before our Easter break to discuss how much progress the children are making and discuss next steps, thank you for all of your support with this.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home and take time to discuss what they are reading, helping to develop their understanding and enjoyment. Don't forget to sign their reading journal to record their home reading.

The children are enjoying completing their assignments on Reading Plus at school, and there may also be some tasks to finish at home. We encourage a balance of Reading Plus texts and reading for pleasure, so that children experience a wide range of genres and authors.

Times Tables

It is essential that the children know all of their times tables up to 12×12 and can recall them quickly and confidently during lessons. As we continue our work on fractions this term, secure times table knowledge will be particularly important.

Please encourage your child to practise regularly on Times Table Rock Stars as part of our homework policy — we recommend just five minutes each day. As a class, Year 5 are usually fantastic at taking part in our TTRS battles, so let's keep up that great competitive spirit! There are also weekly awards presented in our celebration worship for children who are working especially hard on Times Table Rock Stars.

PE

PE lessons will continue to be on a Friday afternoon and we will be focussing on Tennis during our Net and Wall Principles unit. Please ensure that your child comes into school in their full school PE kit on these days which consists of: navy joggers/shorts, navy jacket or hoodie and white school t-shirt without any brands or labels.

Bikeability

During the final week of the spring term, year 5 took part in their bikeability sessions. The children did fantastically with this and it was great to see their confidence and stamina build throughout the day. Our rescheduled session will be on Tuesday 5th May for those children who had their session cut short due to unsuitable weather conditions.

Crucial Crew 23.6.26

Year 5 will be taking part in an educational visit to Aintree Racecourse for a Crucial Crew child safety event linked to our PSHE Curriculum on **Tuesday, 23rd June 1-3pm**. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety event aimed at Year 5 children (10 to 11 year olds) designed to provide children with life skills that will enable them to keep themselves and others safe. In relation to this event, please continue to monitor your child's online activity to ensure it is appropriate. Please see attached letter on the parent app to pay and give consent online.

Book bags & Belongings

Please encourage your child to bring in their book bag and reading book/journal each day. This is to encourage the children to be responsible for their belongings and encourage life skills of independence

and organisation in preparation for Year 6 and high school. This also allows us to keep track of their journals and send home any letters securely.

Alongside this, please ensure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day. During sunny spells of weather, please send in suncream labelled with your child's name for them to apply during breaktimes.

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

Friday 17th April – STAR Award Ceremony (invites sent for those it applies to)

Tuesday 5th May– Year 5 Bike ability rescheduled session

Thursday 7th May – Class Worship Team 5

Wednesday 10th June – MMU Moot Court Trip (please ensure you have given consent for this trip)

Thursday 18th June – Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd June – Sefton Crucial Crew Trip (please ensure you have given consent for this trip)

I very much look forward to the rest of the year with Year 5 and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Many thanks, Miss Noonan 😊

**Curriculum Map -Summer 1
Year Five**

Maths In maths, we will be learning decimals and percentages before moving on to Geometry. In our decimals unit, we will be focusing on the place value of each number, converting decimals to fractions and exploring how decimals link to money so when you are in the shops please encourage your child to apply their money and decimal knowledge to real life contexts!	English This term we will be exploring our new class book, 'The Lost Book of Adventures'. Within this unit, we will be exploring different extracts of the book and will be writing survival poetry, diary entries and we will be creating a survival narrative and a survival guide.	RE We will be learning about Old Testament Women. This unit will increase and widen the children's knowledge and understanding of the role and significance of women in the Bible and God's big story. It will allow us to reflect upon the actions of these women and consider what we can learn from their stories.
History In history, we study Roman Britain as a diverse land shaped by migrants like the Celts, exploring culture, rebellions led by Caractacus and Boudicca, towns like Aquae Sulis, Hadrian's Wall, Black Romans, and how historians use evidence to understand past.	Geography In geography, we study coastal processes and landforms, exploring the UK's diverse coastline, including erosion, transportation and deposition, and features like beaches, headlands and bays. We examine the Jurassic Coast, coastal habitats, West Wales, and how location influences coastal interactions.	Science In science, we will be learning about Astronomy. We will be exploring that astronomers believe the universe began with the Big Bang, and that it is still expanding today. We will be learning about gravity in relation to the solar system. Then we will be studying the moon in further detail and our Galactic neighbourhood.
PE In PE, we will be moving on to net and wall principles including using racquets techniques striking and moving with opponents. These skills will lead to using a racquet to perform various techniques to earn points in net and wall games such as tennis.		Art In art, we will be learning all about prints and print making. We will focus on art and artists such as Andy Warhol's screen printing and Hokusai, The Great Wave.
PSHE We will starting our new 'My happy Mind' unit of Appreciate. This module is all about teaching children the importance of gratitude. It looks at a number of elements of gratitude including: What happens in our brain when we give and receive gratitude?		Computing In our computing day this term, we will be learning all about data bases and how they are used to store and compare information. We will be presenting information using charts and graphs.

Year 5 – Home/School Spellings – Summer 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 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Test date	Friday 24 th April	Friday 1 st May	Friday 8 th May	Friday 15 th May	Thursday 21 st May
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