

Year 5 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

We have an exciting year ahead, packed with fun and interesting topics. I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout the year.

Reading

The children will continue to have access to our school library and our Accelerated Reader scheme. Our expectation is that the children read five times a week at home and that they read to an adult at least twice a week. Hearing your child read or encouraging them to relax with a book (or any reading material) is proven to be hugely beneficial to so many areas of their school life.

Maths

Our maths will cover place value, decimals, addition and subtraction, fractions and properties of shape. Our big area to improve this year is our recall and application of times tables knowledge. The curriculum expectation is that all times tables can be recalled quickly in order to apply them to concepts such as fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be having a weekly times table test on Thursday which will count towards the school's 'Times Table Marathon'.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and we will mark this together the following Friday. The children have an A4 purple homework book.

Spelling: The spellings for the whole of each half-term will be provided. The spelling test is on a Friday.

Maths - weekly: Children will have the opportunity to consolidate and further their learning via the 'My Maths' and 'Times Table Rockstars' homework sites. I will send paper-based maths homework home occasionally and to those without access to a computer. Please let me know if you require this.

English - weekly: The school provides a grammar, spelling and punctuation resource book.

Please let me know if completing homework has been difficult in the past and we will find a way to work around this.

P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the first half term.

Science

During the first half term, we will be learning about Earth and space. We hope to book the Wonderdome planetarium again. In the second half term we will be learning about forces.

First half-term homework: Please research and present some information about something or someone who has travelled to space. Your work can be presented in any form you wish.

Autumn 1, geography focus:

Where does our energy come from?

The children will be learning about our planet and energy sources.

Autumn 2, history focus:

What was important to the Ancient Egyptians?

We will be learning about hierarchy during Ancient Egypt and also about their beliefs in the after-life.

Second half-term homework: Please research an Ancient Egyptian god or goddess. Your work can be presented in any form you wish.

Thank-you in advance for your support,

Miss. Eglington



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