



YEAR 5

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to Year 5! We are looking forward to another exciting term in Year 5. Our team consists of Miss Cranney, Miss Staniland, Miss Wilson, Mr Kiggins and Miss Bloomfield.

ENGLISH



This term, our class novel is 'Beetle Boy' by M.G. Leonard. In our English lessons, we will be learning about Greek myths which is linked to our history topic. We will be focussing on one Greek myth in particular, 'Jason and the Golden Fleece' and we will have a go at writing our own version of this story. Next half term, we will be writing a poem about mountains in winter, linked to our geography topic. We will then focus on a piece of non-fiction writing linked to mountains. We will be continuing to work on our spellings and handwriting and hopefully moving towards gaining our pen licenses.

MATHS

In maths this half term, we are learning about fractions, multiplication and division and decimals and percentages. These topics rely heavily on secure times table facts so please ensure that your children are practising these regularly at home on TT Rockstars. The log in details are in your child's reading diary.



SCIENCE



This half term, we are learning about forces. We will be finding out about Sir Isaac Newton and his theory of gravity. We will learn about the effects that air resistance, water resistance and friction have on moving surfaces. We will also be looking at levers, pulleys and gears. Next half term, we will be learning about space. We will look at the movement of planets and the moon.

GEOGRAPHY

In spring 2, our topic will be Magnificent Mountains. We will learn about how mountains have been made, the features of mountains and what it is like to visit or live in mountainous areas. We will explore how these geographical regions can be both harsh and beautiful at the same time.



HISTORY



Our history topic this half term is 'Ancient Greece'. As well as learning about some of the famous Greek myths, we will learn about everyday life in ancient Greece. We will also learn about some of the amazing contributions they made towards science, literature, art, philosophy and to democracy. We will continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods studied.

ART



In art, the children will be exploring contemporary fashion designers and creating their own 2D or 3D fashion design working to a brief.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

In D&T, the children will design, make and evaluate a Spanish dish for parents/carers to enjoy at our Spanish café.



PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION



In PSHE, we are being visited by a charity called Equation who deliver the GREAT Project. This is designed to promote healthy relationships in all aspects of life.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

In RSE, we will be looking at the male and female changes during puberty in more detail. We will learn how puberty affects the reproductive organs and think about how to manage the physical and emotional changes.

Recommended books –

- Everything you ever wanted to ask about periods by Dr Rosemary Jones
- Hair in Funny Places by Babette Cole.



COMPUTING



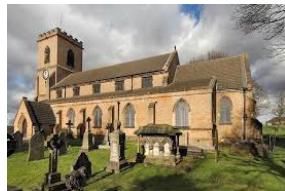
This term, the children will explore how images are made from shapes and lines and how personal and private information can be encrypted.

CYBER SAFETY

Every half term, the children participate in an E-Safety assembly. During the computing lessons, the children also will learn how to stay safe online.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In RE, we will be learning about what is important to Christians. We will be thinking about what is expected of a person in following a religion or belief and interviewing Father Andrew from St. Mary's.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:

- World Braille Day
- Martin Luther-King
- Luna New Year
- Ramadan (Islam)
- Lent (Christianity)
- St David's Day (Wales)
- Holi (Hindu and Sikh)
- International Women's Day
- St Patrick's Day (Ireland)
- Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
- World Autism Day
- Easter (Christian)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know....a good night's sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development?



Year 5 will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



If you need to speak to Miss Staniland or Miss Cranney please leave a message with the office. This will allow us to arrange a suitable time to help.

Please do not come into the Year 5 cloakroom in the morning with your child. If you wish to speak to a teacher, we will always have a member of staff on the door before and after school.

HOMEWORK

Spellingframe

Spelling and maths homework will be given out on Mondays and will be due in on Fridays. The children will be tested on Fridays using Spelling Frame. Please practise and test your children on their spellings so they can do as well as possible. You can also visit www.spellingframe.co.uk and encourage them to practise on there too.

Your child will be given a 'book-banded' reading book, which they are responsible for changing when they have finished. We ask that you read with your child **at least 5 times per week**. Please sign their reading diary after they have read. This will count as a 'read' towards our RED TED reading initiative, where children can collect coloured badges. **It is vital that your child brings their reading book and diary into school every day.**

DIARY DATES



HALF TERM ONE

- 05/01/2026 – Start of spring 1
- 02-06/02/2026 – Wellbeing Week
- 06/02/2026 – NSPCC Number Day
- 10/02/2026 – Safer Internet Day
- 13/02/2026 – Last day of spring 1

HALF TERM TWO

- 23/02/2026 – Start of spring 2
- 05/03/2026 – World Book Day
- 09-13/03/2026 – British Science Week
- 18/03/2026 – Parents/Carers Evening
- 23/03/2026 – Spring Disco (Y3-Y6 5-6.30pm)
- 27/03/2026 – Last day of spring 2
- 13/04/2026 – First day of summer term