

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back Year 5!

Wow! What a first half term we have had! I hope you have had a lovely, restful half term and you are ready for another 7 weeks of jam-packed learning! This half term, we begin with an amazing trip to the Living Rainforest to kickstart our topic over the next 7 weeks - The Rainforest. In English, we are creating work using our text, The Vanishing Rainforest whilst in geography, we are looking at Biomes. If the rainforest doesn't take your fancy, how about 'Making New Substances' in Science or Microbits in Computing. On top of all our new units, we also have the very busy Christmas period so make sure you check the dates below to ensure you don't miss out on anything!

Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school **every day** and **on time**. Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. During school time, pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that this brings.

Online Safety: Being Smart with Screens

As technology evolves, so does the need to help children use it safely and positively. Through our computing curriculum, we teach children about "**Digital Balance**" — understanding how to enjoy technology safely without letting it take over our free time.

At home, you can help by:

- Talking regularly about what your child enjoys online and who they might be chatting to (even in games).
- Using **BBC Own It** and **Childnet** for fun videos and games that teach safe online habits.
- Encouraging "tech-free times" — for example, no devices during dinner or before bed.
- Setting up devices with **child-safe settings** and **age-appropriate content filters**.

For guidance and support, visit:

🔗 [BBC Own It - Online Life Advice](#)

🔗 [Internet Matters - Screen Time Tips](#)

Physical Education and Games

P.E. will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday** for this half-term. P.E kits should be brought in on a **Monday** and will be sent home on **Friday** to be washed.

As the weather is becoming colder, tracksuits bottoms and your child's school jumper are suitable for outdoor games. Appropriate footwear is essential. Please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days and that they have a hair band/bobble to tie their hair back, for health and safety purposes.



Home Learning

Reading: 3x weekly (minimum) - recorded in reading records (see below for more details).

Spellings: learn 5 spelling words. These will be set by the teacher on Mondays and weekly tests on Fridays to check and address gaps.

Maths: Times Tables Rockstars - 'little and often' throughout the week (roughly 10 minutes per day), aim for an hour over the week.



We thank you for your support with this.

Reading



Regular reading will support your child in all areas of their learning. In Year 5, we want to inspire a love and enjoyment of reading. Their book should encourage them to ask questions, wonder and express opinions as well as expanding their vocabulary and knowledge. Children must be reading at least **three** times a week for **20 minutes**, which needs to be recorded in their reading record alongside an adult comment or signature. Reading records will be collected **every Friday** to check if they are able to move up our reading challenge wall!



As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a meeting after school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams

Year 5 Class Teachers

Diary Dates

Autumn term

Event	Date
First day back after half-term break	Tuesday 4 th November 2025
Year 5 Living Rainforest trip	Friday 7 th November 2025
Anti-Bullying Week	W/c Monday 10 th November 2025
Born Free Workshop (free)	Thursday 13 th November 2025
Parent Consultation Evenings	Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November 2025
Year 5 IntoFilm Cinema Trip	Wednesday 26 th November 2025
TTRockstars Day	Thursday 27 th November 2025
Christmas Jumper Day and Church Service	Thursday 18 th December 2025
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 19 th December 2025

Long term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Swimming begins	Thursday 8 th January 2026
Tudor Workshop	Friday 30 th January 2026
Spring half-term break	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 2 nd March - Thursday 5 th March 2026
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 26 th April 2026
INSET day	Friday 27 th March 2026
First day of Summer term	Monday 13 th April 2026
Summer half-term break	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026
Year 5 Big Camp	TBC

Year 5 timetable - Autumn 2

	8:40 – 8:55	8:55-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10.45 – 11.00	11.00-12:00	12:00-12:50	12:50-13:15	13:15-14:05	14:05-14.55	14:55–15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Lunch	Spelling	Geography		KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Spellings	Maths		Spanish		Music	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	RE	Indoor PE	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Science		KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling test	PSHE	Outdoor PE	Celebration Assembly

Our learning this term

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Topic	Anglo-Saxon Attack!	Rainforest Exploration
English	<u>Key texts:</u> Beowulf - Michael Morpurgo translation Beowulf - Maria Headley translation Poetry Day text	<u>Key texts:</u> The Vanishing Rainforest - Richard Platt The Explorer - Katherine Rundell
Reading Journey	<u>Key texts:</u> Fiction Novel: The Nothing to See Here Hotel Fiction Novel: The Explorer	
Maths	Place Value, Addition & Subtraction	
Science	Fossils	Making new substances
Spanish	La Fecha	¿Tienes una mascota?
History/ Geography	History: King Alfred Geography: Biomes, comparing South America to deciduous forests	
PSHE	Coping with Emotions Photography unit	Responsibility and Pressure
Art	Printing: armour from Sutton Hoo	Rainforest animal sketching
Design and Technology	Moving vehicles - electric-powered pulley system	
Religious Education	Belonging - Islam	Creative
Computing	Micro:bits	Online Safety
Physical Education	Netball Dance	Tennis Dance
Music	A Bao A Qu Fantastical Beasts	Read, write and remember to Twinkle
Trips	Anglo-Saxon workshop	Living Rainforest

Learning Links

Alongside Doodle Learning and Times Table Rock Stars, we have put together a list of website links that include activities/games which will allow your child to explore their learning further.

Maths

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-5>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

<https://www.transum.org/>

<https://gridclub.com/#maths>

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

<https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-6>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f/year/zncsscw>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/folder-63

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/naming-nouns/>

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/adjective-detective/>

<https://gridclub.com/#english>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-practice>

Reading

Use the website below to find aged related and genre categorised books which could be great for your child

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>