

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Year 5!

As a team, we would like to take this opportunity to thank your children for making such a positive and promising start to the new academic year. We are very proud of their efforts and extremely excited for our learning journey to get well underway. While we settle back into school life through our lessons, work and routines, we want you to know that we will, as always, do our very best to ensure your child is supported every step along the way. We have an exciting curriculum planned for the year ahead of us where we will be exploring topics including: the Anglo-Saxons, Rainforests, the Space Race and the Tudors.

School Timings



Just a quick reminder that our classroom doors will open at **8:35am** and school finishes at **3:15pm**. If you arrive **after 8:50am**, please take your child to the school office first – thank you.

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

A reminder that children should be supervised when using the internet. There are filters available and child-friendly search engines such as 'Google Kids'. Children are not permitted to use social media such as Facebook, Instagram or TikTok until they are aged 13+.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>



Physical Education and Games

P.E. will be on **Monday** and **Friday** for the first 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

We have reviewed our homework provision across the Federation. Whilst homework can be an important tool in helping children with their learning, we realise that it needs to be purposeful and engaging. Therefore, we have made revisions to the homework that will be set going forward.

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 6, 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,



Mr Bostock
Meerkat Class Teacher



Mr Williams
Tiger Class Teacher

Diary Dates

Autumn term

Event	Date
Year 5 Welcome Meeting	Monday 9 th September @3.15pm
Year 5 Anglo-Saxon workshop	Thursday 12 th September
Autumn term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 16 th - Thursday 19 th September 2024
Autumn half-term break	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November 2024
INSET day	Monday 4 th November
Year 5 Living Rainforest trip	TBC
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 29 th & Wednesday 30 th November 2024
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 20 th December 2024

Long term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 6 th January 2025
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Year 5 Hampton Court Trip	Friday 10 th January 2025
Spring half-term break	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2025
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 rd March - Friday 7 th March 2025
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 th April 2025
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Summer half-term break	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May 2025
Year 5 Big Camp	TBC

Year 5 timetable - Autumn 1

	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	RE	Indoor PE	KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling	PPA (Nicola/Sally)	PPA (Nicola/Sally)	Faith Assembly
									Spanish	Music	
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	History		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	Online Safety	Programming: If, else statements
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>