# 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.



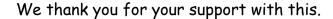
#### Home Learning

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).

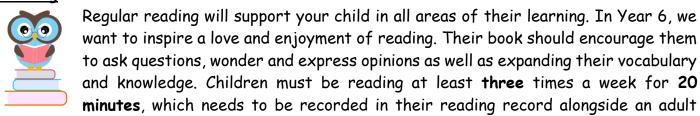
**Spellings:** learn 5 spelling words. These will be set by the teacher on Mondays and weekly tests on Fridays to check and address gaps.

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





#### Reading



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

#### Long term

Event	Date			
INSET day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025			
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025			
Year 5 Hampton Court Trip	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025			
Spring half-term break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025			
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025			
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025			
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025			
Summer half-term break	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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
								9	PPA (Nicola/Sally)	PPA (Nicola/Sally)	
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling	Spanish	Music	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	His	tory	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Sci	ence	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	Key texts: Beowulf - Michael Morpurgo translation Beowulf - Maria Headley translation	Key texts: The Vanishing Rainforest - Richard Platt  The Explorer - Katherine Rundell				
	Poetry Day text					
Reading Journey	Key texts: Fiction Novel: The Nothing to See Fiction Novel: The Explorer	Here Hotel				
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 Responsibility and Pressure Photography unit					
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	Netball	Tennis				
Education	Dance	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/learningactivities/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