

A detailed illustration of a Common Nighthawk perched on a branch. The bird has a dark cap, a yellowish-buff throat with dark spots, and reddish-brown wings with dark spots. It is shown in profile, facing left. The illustration is set within a circular frame with a light beige background.



Home Learning

Home learning plays an important role in bridging the relationship between home and school. Children will be expected to complete the following home learning each week:

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: TimesTable 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!



Online Safety

We are increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children, in-line with many other schools in Hampshire. Acknowledging the alarming amount of evidence and research about the negative effects of smartphones and social media, we are committing to making Hampshire primary schools smartphone free. **Please note that your child will not be permitted to have a smartphone in school, regardless of their transport home.** "Brick" phones without internet connectivity may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. In addition, we ask for your support in making the school mobile phone free in general. Thank you for your support in this.



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 & Mrs Williams

Year 5 Team

Diary Dates

These may change or be added to throughout the course of the term. Please check on the school website and letters for any changes.

Autumn term

Event	Date
Autumn term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 15 th - Thursday 18 th September 2025
Bikeability (for those who signed up)	Wednesday 17 th -18 th September 2025
Beowulf workshop	Wednesday 24 th September 2025
Individual photos	Wednesday 1 st October 2025
National Poetry Day	Thursday 2 nd October 2025
Harvest Festival	Friday 17 th October 2025
Cultural Afternoon	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025
INSET day	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn half-term break	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October 2025
INSET day	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Living Rainforest trip	Friday 7 th November 2025
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th November 2025
TT Rockstars Day	Thursday 27 th November 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
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
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March 2026
Class photos	Tuesday 10 th March 2026
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 26 th March 2026
INSET day	Friday 27 th March 2026
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 13 th April 2026
Spring Fair	Saturday 16 th May 2026
Summer half-term break	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026

Uniform Expectations

We know the impact that pride in our uniform has on the pupils' learning attitude. We ask for your support in ensuring that children are Wellington Smart by ensuring they are in the correct uniform each day. Being Wellington Smart is important in helping your child understand their role and responsibility at our school. Here is a guide to our uniform. If you need support with your child's uniform, we are here to help.



Purple school jumper or cardigan (can be branded from our school Arbor)

White polo shirt

Black skirt, shorts or trousers

Leggings are not school uniform.



Indoor PE: white t-shirt (plain) and black shorts

Outdoor PE: as above, with purple or black jumper.

Leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn. Socks and trainers.

Earrings: These should be single studs only. Your child will be asked to remove them or you will be asked to remove them if they wear other earrings. Children cannot wear earrings for PE as this is a health and safety issue.

Bracelets/ other jewellery: Please ensure that your child is not wearing other forms of jewellery. These are not safe to wear in school and your child will be asked to remove them.

Year 5 Weekly 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	12:15- 01:05	01:05- 13:15	13:15-14:05	14:05-14:55	14:55- 15:15
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Lunch	Spelling	P.E Outdoor Adventurous Activities	RE	KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling	History/Geography	PSHE	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	P.E. Fitness	Art/DT	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		X tables & mental maths	Spanish	Music	KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling test	Science	Computing	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 (fiction story) <i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information</i>	<u>Key texts:</u> The Vanishing Rainforest (fiction story) The Explorer (fiction story) <i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information</i>
Reading Journey	<u>Key texts:</u> Fiction novel: The Nothing to See Here Hotel Fiction novel: The Explorer Class reader: The Infinite	
Maths	Place Value, Decimals, Rounding, Roman Numerals	
Science	Fossils	Making new substances
Spanish	La Fecha	¿Tienes una mascota?
History/ Geography	History: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings: Was King Alfred really great? Geography: Biomes: Is the tropical rainforest the best biome to live in?	
PSHE	Coping with emotions	Responsibility and pressure
Art	Printing: Armour from Sutton Hoo (links to History unit)	Sketching: Rainforest animals
Design and Technology	Moving vehicles: Electric-powered pulley system	
Religious Education	Christianity: Creation	Islam: Belonging
Computing	Online Safety	Programming: Selection in quizzes
Physical Education	OAA Fitness	Dance (Specialist) Football
Music	A Bao A Qu - Fantastic(al) Beasts	Read, Write and Remember to Twinkle
Trips	Workshop: Beowulf and the Anglo-Saxons	Living Rainforest trip

Learning Links

Alongside home learning, 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://ttrockstars.com/>

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zykvwsg>

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

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

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

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

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbwg7v4>

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

<https://www.mrmcgrammar.com/>

Reading

Use the websites 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.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>