

# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2024-2025



## Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break! As we step into the second half of the academic year, there's lots to look forward to in Year 5. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and excitement at seeing their friends and finding out about our new topics. In geography this half-term, we will be focusing on natural resources in Eastern Europe and their impact on potential spaceports. Our DT topic, which will use sewing to create toys, will also have a space theme to it. In science, we will be finishing our investigation of forces and their effect on certain objects. Computing will see Tiger class explore 'if, else' statements, with the intended outcome of creating a quiz with multiple questions. Both classes will also be looking at Data & Information in computing. Here's to a fantastic half term!

## 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

Due to swimming this term, we will have one P.E. session per week which will be on a **Friday**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in from Monday as these days may change at short notice. For the first half term, Meerkats will be swimming every **Thursday** so please ensure your child has their swimming bag in school.

As we are inside for P.E. during our Friday lessons, please ensure that all children come with appropriate clothing. 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. Some children have been given spellings to work on over a three-week period to help support them with their learning.

**Maths:** Times Tables Rockstars - 'little and often' throughout the week (roughly 10 minutes per day), aim for an hour over the week. This half-term, we will also be sending home small pieces of Maths revision for children to complete at home.



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,



Mr Bostock  
Meerkat Class Teacher



Mr Williams  
Tiger Class Teacher

### Diary Dates

#### Autumn term

Event	Date
Swimming begins for Meerkat class	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Winchester Science Museum trip</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</b>
Class Photos	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Long term

Event	Date
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 - Spring 2 - 24.02.25

	8:40 – 8:55	8:55-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10.45 – 11.00	11.00-12:00	12:00-12:15	12:15-13:05	13:05-14:00	14:00-14.55	14:55-15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Spellings	Lunch	Geography		KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Spellings		Music	Spanish	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Times Tables	Maths	Handwriting		Science		Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	PE - Swimming Other class to complete a unit on computing			Times Tables	Maths	Handwriting		DT		KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Times Tables	Maths	Spelling test		PE	RE	Celebration Assembly

## Our learning this term

	<b>Spring 2</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Adventure to the Stars</b>
<b>English</b>	<u>Key texts:</u> <b>Hidden Figures</b> - by Margot Lee Shetterly & Winifred Conkling <b>The Midnight Fair</b> - by Gideon Sterer
<b>Reading Journey</b>	<u>Key texts:</u> <b>Blackberry Blue</b> (fiction) <b>Robot Girl</b> (fiction) <b>Orion Lost</b> (fiction)
<b>Maths</b>	Fractions and Decimals
<b>Science</b>	Forces
<b>Spanish</b>	Los Planetas
<b>History/ Geography</b>	Geography: Natural Resources (settlement & land use) - Russia
<b>PSHE</b>	Community
<b>Art</b>	
<b>Design and Technology</b>	Sewing - Space Toy
<b>Religious Education</b>	Faith
<b>Computing</b>	Programming - If, else statements Data & Information
<b>Physical Education</b>	Gymnastics Swimming
<b>Music</b>	Music - Mad Rappers
<b>Trips</b>	Winchester Science Centre

## **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.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.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>