

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2024-2025



Welcome back

It has been great to see how refreshed the children are after their well deserved Easter break. As we move into the the last term of the school year, there are plenty of exciting topics and events happening for the children to look forward to. The main event is the Big Camp which we will send out information about soon. This is a chance for the children to sleep on the school field, in a tent and be part of an experience they will always remember. In the classroom, children will be exploring space in science; create clocks in the style of Salvador Dali using clay; investigate ancient civilisations, including the Sumer, Shang Dynasty and the Mayans, and exploring systems and networks in computing. Here's to a fantastic half term!

School Timings



Just a quick reminder that the school gate opens at **8:35am**, the classroom doors open at **8:40am** 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

This term, we will have two P.E. session per week which will both be on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in from Monday as these days may change at short notice.

As we are outside for P.E. for both of these 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

Just a reminder that homework needs to be completed every week. 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

Summer term

Event	Date
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
PTA Donations Day	Friday 16 th May
Spring Fair	Saturday 17 th May
Half Term	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May
Victoria Day Parade	Saturday 7 th June
Virtual Road Safety Workshop - Free	Wednesday 11 th June
Healthy Relationship Week	Monday 16 th June - Friday 20 th June
Moving up Day	Thursday 3 rd June
Big Camp	Friday 4 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 th July
Inset Day	Monday 21 st July
Inset Day	Tuesday 22 nd July

Long term - Academic Year 2025-2026

Event	Date
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd September 2025
First Day of Autumn Term	Thursday 4 th September 2025
Year 6 - Chessington Trip	Wednesday 10 th September 2025

	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	EMW	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Spellings	Lunch	Science		
Tuesday	EMW	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Handwriting		PPA		Faith Assembly
									Music	Spanish	
Wednesday	EMW	Reading Journey	English		Times Tables	Maths	Spellings		PE x2		Class Assembly
Thursday	EMW	Reading Journey	English		Time Tables	Maths	Handwriting		RE	PSHE	Singing Assembly
Friday	EMW	Reading Journey	English		Spelling test	Maths			History		Celebration Assembly

Our learning this term

	Summer 1
Topic	Adventure to the Stars
English	<u>Key texts:</u> Hidden Figures - by Margot Lee Shetterly & Winifred Conkling Curiosity - The story of a Mars Rover - by Markus Motum
Reading Journey	<u>Key texts:</u> Orion Lost (fiction)
Maths	Decimals, percentages, shape, angles, coordinates, reflection and translation.
Science	Space
Spanish	Los vikingos
History/ Geography	History: Overview of Ancient Civilisations
PSHE	Keeping Ourselves Safe
Art	Sculpture inspired by Salvador Dali
Design and Technology	
Religious Education	Community (Umna)
Computing	Computing Systems and Networks - Systems and the internet
Physical Education	Cricket Athletics
Music	Music - Space
Trips	

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>