

Welcome to Year 5 – September 2026

Dear Year 5 children, parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after the summer break. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable time and that you are now ready for the challenges of Year 5. This letter will, hopefully, answer some of your early questions about Year 5. If there are other things you would like to ask us, please do feel free to approach us at an appropriate time.



Staff

- Mrs Burton will be teaching Year 5 on a Monday, Tuesday and until break time on Wednesday morning.
- Miss Hillier will be teaching Wednesday from break time, Thursday and Friday.
- Mrs Moores is our class teaching partner.
- Mrs Phelps, Mrs Rees and Mrs Jaynes will also be supporting individual pupils in class.

Autumn Topics

This term's history enquiry is "How were the lives of British people affected by the outbreak of World War 2?" This unit allows the children to access a variety of evidence and historical sources to assess how the lives of both adults and children were changed by war. Children will also investigate why air dominance was vital for Britain. If you or your families have any interesting artefacts or knowledge from this period of history, we would love to hear about them.



Science

In science we will be investigating forces, including gravity, friction and water resistance. This is a great topic to start the year with plenty of practical investigations. Knowledge organisers for both history and science are available on our class page for your reference. Please take time to discuss these with your children at home.

PE

PE will be on **Wednesday** and **Friday** this term. However, we would like your child to have their **PE kits in school every day** as there can sometimes be timetable variations. We will be checking early on in the term that children have correct PE kit which is **properly labelled**.

Water Bottles

May we remind you children should bring a water bottle to school each day. Please ensure that these are **clearly labelled**.

Homework

Reading

Reading and the enjoyment of reading is key! We expect Year 5 children to read regularly at home. Books should be taken home each night and then brought back to school the next morning. Reading records will be monitored weekly. We ask the children to **read at least four times a week** to an adult who should sign their diaries.



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Maths

A written maths homework will be sent home each Wednesday to be returned by the following Tuesday. Children are also expected to complete 4 sessions, of 4 minutes on Times Tables Rockstars each week. This will be monitored closely in school.



Spelling

Spelling homework will be going home on a Friday and should be completed by the Friday when children will have a spelling test in class. We will also be studying patterns and practising spellings daily as part of our teaching of spelling in school.

Key dates for the Autumn Term

24th September – Opportunity to meet with year 5 staff (more information to be sent out soon)

29th September - WW2 Evacuation Trip

15th October - Literature Festival (more information will be sent out closer to the date)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burton and Miss Hillier