

## Welcome to Year 5 – Summer 2026

Dear Year 5 children, parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. We can't believe how fast the year is going and that we are in the summer term already! Let's hope that the summer weather joins us soon!

We have already had a busy start to the term with our trip to Greystones Nature Reserve. The children impressed the staff at the centre with their knowledge about features of a river and the habitats that they create whilst also learning many new facts and practical geography skills.



## Summer Topics

This term the children will be answering the question "Why are mountains so important?" as their geography enquiry. During this topic children will study the formation of different types of mountains, the location of the world's largest mountain ranges as well as a more local study into human interaction with mountains in the Cambrian Mountains of Wales. After half term they will then study the Ancient Mayan Civilisation and try to answer the question, "Why did the Maya change the way they lived?" This is a fascinating topic where children will get to explore ancient hieroglyphs, the structure of their civilisation as well as the development of chocolate. As part of this topic, we will have a trip to Cadbury World to further explore the Mayan world. More details about this will follow.

### 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.

### Water Bottles

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



## Homework

Homework expectations remain the same this term.



### Maths

- 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 in school.

### Spellings

- Spellings will go home on a Monday to be tested the following Friday

### Reading

- Children should read to an adult at home 4 x each week and their diaries should be signed by an adult.



As always, if you have any questions, please do speak to us at the end of the day or contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss Hillier and Mrs Walker*