YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN 2 - 2026



The Year 5 Team:

Miss Vicky Dean – 5D class teacher and Y5 leader
Mrs Julie Gill-Hall – 5GH class teacher
Mrs Jackie Hall and Miss Vicky Fletcher – Y5 teaching assistants
Mrs Helen Gatenby – HLTA (Mon-Wed) and PPA cover (Mon pm-5GH and Tues pm-5D)

Curriculum

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term. In history, we will be learning all about Queen Victoria. We will use our historical knowledge to write information texts in our writing sessions too (such as biographies, news articles and recounts). In science, we will be continuing to develop our working scientifically skills by investigating different forces and materials. In computing, we will be developing our coding skills as well as learning more about online bullying and how to keep ourselves safe online. Our art and DT skills will be put to the test later in the half term with our cards and calendar projects as well as making a moving toy.
Reading – Focus on summary and inference
Writing – Focus on writing to inform as well as continuing to develop our presentation and punctuation skills.
Maths – Calculation (multiplication and division)

PE Days

Our outdoor PE session will be on **Tuesdays**. Your child will need to have a white t-shirt, black/navy shorts or tracksuit and a pair of trainers. Unit: netball/basketball
Our indoor PE session will be on **Thursdays**. Your child will need to have a white t-shirt and black or navy shorts. Unit: gymnastics
Branded clothing should not be worn (with the exception of trainers). Children can wear their PE kit to school on PE days.

If your child forgets or brings incorrect (including branded) PE kit for 2 weeks in a row, they will be asked to miss a playtime.

Homework

Spelling – Complete at least 2 spelling activities from the list in their Spelling Journal and activities on Spelling Shed using the spellings for that week (which will be stuck in their books).
Homework will be given out on Fridays and should **be returned on Wednesdays**.
Maths – Maths Bingo tasks to be completed across the half term and returned at the end of each half term for rewards.

Bookbag – Your child needs to return a signed reading record in their book bag each week **by Wednesday**.
In Y5, we encourage the children to read a wide variety of books and articles both to an adult or independently. Please ensure everything they read is logged in their reading record.

If your child does not bring their homework in on time, they will be asked to miss part of their playtime.
If they forget their bookbag 2 weeks in a row, they will also miss a playtime. Please help us by encouraging your child to get themselves organised.

Extras

Your child can access the following websites to further support their learning:
www.purplemash.com
www.readingplus.com
https://ttrockstars.com
www.spellingshed.com
www.mathsframe.co.uk

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and see one of us, give us a call on the school telephone number (0113 263 8910) or contact us on Class Dojo.