



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

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Class Information

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Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone and huge 'Happy New Year' from us both. We are really looking forward to another successful, hard-working and fun term together. The progress that the children made last term in class was fantastic to see and we are excited to see how they build on this over the coming weeks. This newsletter will outline what the children will be learning between now and the Easter holidays, as well as some important dates for your diary. Please continue to check Dojo on Friday for our weekly updates.

Year 5 Learning for this Term

English:

This half term, we're already immersed and thoroughly enjoying our two new books - **Sir Gawain and the Green Knight** by Michael Morpurgo in our reading sessions and **The Odyssey** by Gillian Cross in our writing sessions. For The Odyssey, we will be using this to write a persuasive speech. After half term our books will be **When The Stars Come Out** for reading and **The Lost Happy Endings** by Carol Ann Duffy, with a book focus on writing effective dialogue between characters.

Spelling lists will continue to be sent home via Dojo and a printed copy given out each week. Please use the spelling books we gave out in the Autumn term for your children to practise in.

Maths:

This term's maths topics are:

- Multiplication and Division: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd>
- Fractions: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb>
- Decimals and Percentages: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z6x8qp3>
- Perimeter and Area: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zb87t39>
- Statistics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn>

Times Tables are the foundation of most of these units, so please continue to practise little and often all the times table facts (2 - 10 times tables). If the children know these facts for instant recall, they will find their Year 5 (and beyond) learning easier.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum:

History: The Victorians and the Industrial Revolution

Geography: Access to water resources around the world

Science: The Earth Sun and Moon

Art: Repeated Patterns inspired by William Morris

Music: Exploring tempo and composing a 'space themed' piece of music.

DT: Mechanical Systems - Pop-Up Books

PE/Games: Football, Fitness, Dance and Netball

Computing: Keeping Safe Online (including Online Bullying), Coding

MFL: Shopping in France

RE: Christianity: Festivals and Celebrations

PSHE: Roles and responsibilities when belonging to a community, and managing money

Learning at Home:

Please see our new [Home Learning Guide](#). This outlines the expectations of home learning for each year group and ideas for how to achieve them.

Generic Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 1	Spellings English Guided Reading	English Mental Maths OR PE	Handwriting English Guided Reading	Mental Maths English Guided Reading	Handwriting English Maths
Morning 2	Maths	English Mental Maths OR PE	Maths Spellings	Maths Handwriting	Spellings Library
Afternoon	Keyboarding Computing Art	Keyboarding Maths RE	Science French	Keyboarding History PSHE	Mental Maths Music PE

General Information:

PE kits need to be in on Tuesday and Friday - Tuesday will (hopefully!) be outside so children need to come to school in their PE kit but they can have joggers and jumpers too. Friday is indoor, so house PE kits plus trainers. Please ensure ALL items of clothing are labelled.

No jewellery on PE days please (remove stud earrings or put plasters over the top of them).

Children should bring in their home learning journal and current reading book each day.

Dates for your diary:

Please keep an eye on Dojo for additional dates throughout the year.

Herm Residential Initial Meeting @ School for Parents and Children: Monday 9th February @ 6:00pm

Year 5 Victorian Day - Thursday 12th February - come to school dressed up as a Victorian!

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

Parents Evening - Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March

End of Term (Finish at 1pm) - Friday 27th March

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