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Year 5 Spring Term 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, we would like to extend a warm welcome back and hope that you have all had a lovely, Christmas break.

In Numeracy this term, we will be focusing mostly on **multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter, area and graphs**. Children will once again be working at home on their Schofield and Sims Mental Maths books- please guide your child with this if necessary and encourage them to show their working out. Support will always be given in school when needed with any difficulties, but it is important that children make the effort and have a think about how to go about answering the questions themselves. Our partnership with KES will continue on a Tuesday afternoon until Easter. This has an **arithmetic focus**.

In English this term, one of the main focuses for this academic year, throughout the school, will involve developing grammar skills. We will continue our new approach to grammar teaching which involves an individual textbook for each child and a weekly opportunity for children to review their grammar learning so it can be more deeply embedded and more easily applied in their daily work. Reading will continue to be at the heart of all learning and, as always, we encourage you to get involved with your children's reading by sharing and discussing their latest book. Just because a child is a fluent, independent reader, it does not mean they no longer need the valuable book talk which is so important. Reading books will be changed on a **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. Please ensure that all records are brought in on these days.

We are also continuing with a great focus on spellings. We are addressing this in school with the continuation of implementing a spelling scheme but would also appreciate your support at home with their weekly list. These will come home on a Monday and be tested the following Monday. It is imperative these are practiced at home regularly. We saw a dip in their spelling scores last term.

The overall topics for Year 5 this term will be **Beast Creator** and **Sow, Grow and Farm**. These will be cross curricular to embed and join our learning across different subjects.

In Science lessons, pupils will be completing the topics of 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Plants' where we hope to make the most of the new life as spring finally arrives later in the term and look at growth and life cycles.

Computing lessons will involve the children using Purple Mash and designing their own game. We will also revisit staying safe online and E-Safety.

In P.E. this term, Year 5 will be starting **Swimming** on a Monday afternoon and on a Wednesday we will be building on the Year 4 Gymnastics curriculum.

SWIMMING – Kit – towel and swimming costume. Flipflops, goggles, swimming hat (optional). Learning to swim is part of the National curriculum and all children are expected to take part. Children will be allocated into appropriate groups to support their stage and progress. If for some reason your child can occasionally not attend parents or carers **MUST** email class teachers directly or write a letter.

In RE we will begin by furthering our understanding of Judaism.



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We will be covering new units in PSHE which will help the children to develop their own 'dreams and goals', which will involve setting targets for the year, thinking about their future plans and aspirations and how they might reach them.

What happens when?

Monday - Spelling tests will be completed on a Monday. New spellings will be given to the children.
Reading books changed.

Swimming in the afternoon – both classes.

Tuesday – Reading books changed.

KES – on a rotation once every 3 weeks.

Wednesday – PE

Thursday – Reading books changed. Maths homework in please.

Friday - Maths homework will be given out and needs to be in school by the following Thursday (those pupils who need help with any questions are encouraged to bring in their work earlier so it can be discussed with a teacher).

Homework club at lunchtime for those who haven't read three times or completed their Maths homework.

Should you have any queries, please email us:

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Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team