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Year 5 Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, we would like to extend a warm welcome back and hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday. Welcome to Year 5 and Upper Key Stage Two.

We have two classes in Year 5: one taught by Miss Hanson (Monday) and Mrs Bridges and supported by Amy. This will be 5HB
The other is taught by Miss Jay(Mon-Weds) and Miss Stepien (Weds-Fri) supported by Lisa and Miss Willis.

This letter will outline what we have planned for the Autmn term.

In Numeracy, we will be focusing mostly on place value, number and developing addition and subtractions skills at the beginning of the term. During the second half of the term, we will further skills with multiplication and division as well as starting to look at fractions, including finding equivalents and adding and subtracting fractions. Children will once again be working at home on their Maths White Rose Journals as their Maths homework. 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. If they are struggling to complete the homework, please encourage them to come and speak to us themselves before the due date.

In English this term we will be continuing to develop our grammar skills alongside our writing composition. 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 that parents support their children with. Reading books will be changed when they are needed to be. We do ask that reading records are in school every day so that 1:1 reading can take place. It is also important that adults continue to read to their children, even in Year 5 so they can imitate good pace and fluency. 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.

The overall topics for Year 5 this term will be Ancient Greeks. This will encompass many different elements of the curriculum. In History we will children will discover how Ancient Greece, especially Athens during the Classical period, shaped the world. They will learn about Greek city states and explore evidence of life in Athens, including the development of democracy, philosophy, architecture, and theatre.

In Geography skills through map work, time zones and climate zones, human geography and exploring local settlement types.

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In Science lessons, pupils will be completing the topics of 'Properties and changes in materials' (chemistry) and 'Earth and Space' (physics). During these lessons, the children will learn to recognise the properties of a variety of materials, as well as recognising different ways to separate mixtures. They will also be introduced to soluble and insoluble materials. After half term, we will be exploring the different planets and our solar system.

Computing lessons will involve the children using Purple Mash and learning to code and to make quizzes. E-safety sessions will also be delivered regularly teaching the children how to stay safe online with a particular focus this year on AI.

In P.E. this term, Year 5 will be taking part in their termly swimming and we will be looking at ball skills in our other session. **We ask that no football kits/shirts are to be worn for P.E lessons and that all children are in the correct P.E uniform. If children are attending football club after school, they can bring a football shirt to change into after school ready to play football. Please ensure you enforce this at home.**

In RE, we will start by exploring the religion of Buddhism and in term 2 we will move onto Christianity.

We will be covering new units in PSHE which will help the children to develop an understanding of 'being me in my world', which will involve setting targets for the year, and 'celebrating difference'.

<u>What happens when this term?</u>

Day	What is happening?
Monday	• Spelling test in school • New spellings will be given to the children • Swimming.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday No PE on 3.09.2026	• Reading books changed • Maths homework due in. • Indoor/ outdoor (weather dependant) PE **No football shirts to be worn please.** Bishopton PE kit only.
Friday	• Maths homework given out

In Year 5 there will be homework club during Friday's Golden Time for those who haven't read three times or completed their Maths homework. This is to get the children ready for Year Six where the

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expectations are even greater. If your child is refusing to complete work at home, please speak to us and we will be able to help.

Should you have any queries, please email us, our next scheduled parents evening will be around half term.

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Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team