

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

Welcome back!

We all welcome you back and hope you have had a restful half term. We are really looking forward to a brand-new term of learning together!

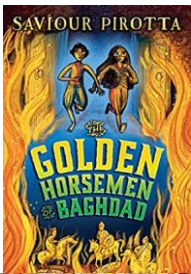
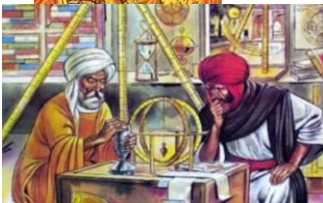


Table showing the gestation periods of different mammals

Name of animal	Gestation period (days)	Approximate gestation period (days)
Cat	63	
Dog	63	
Elephant	624	
Hippopotamus	240	
Horse	336	
Human	275	
Pig	115	



Our Topic this Term:

This half term, our History topic is focused on The Golden Age of Islam. We will study the greatest achievements of this era and compare these to concurrent eras that we have previously studied in Year 3 and 4. In Science, we will building on our knowledge of forces: understanding how living things move and react. Our Art topic is based on Kehinde Wiley, a portrait artist known for portraying present-day celebrities in more old-fashioned poses! This term, we also begin our PSHE learning, based on how we live in the wider world, looking at finances, careers and first aid.

English

In English this term, we are reading 'The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad' by Saviour Pirotta, a story which follows a young boy on a journey to find a way to pay his rent. It is set during the Golden Age of Islam, providing a fictional story that supplements our History learning. We begin the term by writing a setting description that takes us back in time to a Baghdad souk during the Golden Age of Islam. We will then write detailed narratives incorporating speech.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing our learning on multiplication and division and fractions. We begin by completing our multiplication learning before moving on to fractions, which will really require children to know their times tables. It is imperative that children are practising their times tables on a daily basis at home. Please aim for a minimum of 3 minutes each day.

Home Learning

Learning at home and our Home Learning Journal, enables children, parents and teachers to communicate regularly. We cannot stress enough the importance of regular reading. We recommend that children read with an adult every evening for about half an hour. Please encourage your child to apply their reading skills in everyday scenarios and ensure that your child brings their home learning journal to school every day. The children will also have spellings which they will need to practise daily for a quiz on Fridays.

Uniform and P.E. kit

Sweatshirts are available to purchase online, via our school website. Children should wear black or grey trousers or skirts. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name and support us by ensuring that your child does not wear jewelry, nail varnish or short skirts. For P.E, children should wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, black/blue t-shirts and trainers/plimsolls. Football shirts are not acceptable PE kit.

5KJ PE this term will be on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

5DG PE this term will also be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Jones **Mr Gage**