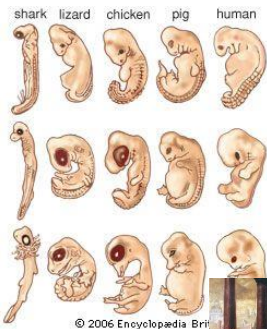


# Year 5 Newsletter

## Summer 1 2026

### Welcome back!

Spring is upon us! The children have returned with such enthusiasm and focus for the upcoming term and our whole school project focusing on the continent of South America. Children will be exploring new depths of their vocabulary and delving into exciting genres of writing to celebrate the continent's diverse cultures and unique traditions. We've been so impressed by their attitude to learning already and can't wait to see them shine further this term.



### English

In English this term, we begin by reading 'The Highwayman' – a narrative poem with fantastic illustrations linking to our prior art learning. This will inspire us to write a narrative poem of our own exploring the themes of independence, perseverance and letting go. Also, we will be reading 'Maze Runner' by James Dashner to push our vocabulary and literacy skills. This book has fantastic descriptive imagery which can in turn help push our writing to the next level.

### Maths

This term, we continue to use and apply our knowledge of shape and geometry in various ways. We will also look at negative numbers, angles, position and direction. It is vital that children are continuing to practise their times table and division facts daily. Please continue to support your children to do this at home. Times Tables Rockstars should be accessed at least three times a week.

### Home Learning

Our Home Learning Journal enables children, parents, carers and teachers to communicate regularly. We urge children to read with an adult every evening for about half an hour. Reading alone is beneficial, but being read to, or listened to, has a great impact on both vocabulary range and expression. Please ensure that your child brings their Home Learning Journal to school every day.

### Uniform and Water Bottles

Warm weather has arrived, and it is more important than ever that your child is wearing clean uniform and PE kit that they can change in and out of. Please remind your children to wash their uniform and PE kit regularly to stay hygienic. Children should wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white/blue t-shirts and trainers/plimsolls. Please ensure they have brought this with them.

**We also ask that children bring a water bottle each day to ensure they stay hydrated.**

We thank you for your continued support. It's been a fantastic year!

Mr Jones

Mr Gage

**You're invited to our class assemblies:**

5KJ: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

5DG: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

### Our Topics

During this term, we will be further exploring 'governance' in **History**. We will now delve into the British Empire. We will learn how it grew and shaped the world for better or worse.

In science, we will be investigating animals and life cycles, including humans. We will be looking at the different gestation periods for different animals and humans.

We will be exploring Sikhism in **RE**, and in **DT**, we will produce a healthy home-made version of our favourite meal in our Food Technology topic!