

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2 2026

Welcome back!

Welcome back to our final half term together - and what a year it has been! Your children have continued to impress us, inspire each other and have grown into mature citizens. We can't wait for them to dig deep into our topics this term!



Our Topics

Our final Geography topic will explore the question, 'What impact have humans had on the geography of South America?' We will analyse population rates, trade links, earning a living and the change in the use of the land.

In Science, we will learn about animals including humans, and their different stages of development. In Art, we will be studying the South American artist Lobo and emulating his style as we create paintings of significant South American iconography.

In RE, we will learn about the different forms that worship takes across different religions and cultures.

English

In English this term, we are writing about Shaun Tan's book *The Arrival*. We will write from the perspective of the main character's daughter, discussing her emotions as she realises that her father is moving away and as she prepares to say goodbye to him. This writing will use expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, indirect speech and brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis.

Maths

This term, we will be consolidating our learning of decimals and how these link to fractions and percentages. We will then learn about shape and angles, using a protractor for the first time! Finally, we will look into converting metric and imperial measurements. 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. The class teacher will check these on Fridays. We urge children to read, with an adult, if possible, 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. The children will also have weekly spellings and times tables which they will need to practise each day, and a quiz on Fridays.

Uniform and Water Bottles

Summer 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. Being in year 5 and getting older, this brings new challenges- and smells- to the classroom! Please remind your children to wash their uniform and PE kit regularly to stay hygienic. PE this term is on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children should wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, 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 and your children are amazing.

Mr Jones

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