



Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year Five

We are delighted to welcome you back after the Christmas break. Year 5 have made an excellent start to the new year and we are looking forward to another full and fun packed term.

Who's in the Year 5 team?

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| 5F Class Teacher | Mr Foster |
| 5B Class Teacher | Mrs Brydon |
| 5MW Class Teachers | Mrs Wintle (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Mott (Thursday, Friday) |

Spring 1 - What is needed when?

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | All homework due in today | New homework goes out today Spelling Test today |
| PE Kit 5MW | PE Kit 5B and 5F | PE Kit 5B and 5F | | PE Kit 5MW |

Homework

In Year Five, it is really important to continue our good homework habits. Therefore, we are asking that you continue to take a little and often approach. The homework tasks given are essential skills and make a big difference to pupils' learning in class:

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) – children are to complete 20 garage sessions each week online, using either a computer or tablet. This resets on a Friday morning. All children are issued with their TTRS login and password. Please keep this safe.

Spellings – these are handed out every Friday and tested the following Friday.

Reading – please read with your child every day if possible, but at least 5 times a week, for around 10-20 minutes. Please complete your child's Reading Journal.

Arithmetic- please complete the paper as consolidation from teaching in class

SPAG.COM - children will use www.spag.com to complete a series of spelling, grammar and punctuation questions either using a computer or tablet. All children are issued with their login details. Please keep this safe. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Spring Term Curriculum Map

English Spring 1 – Threats to the natural world

This unit is all about persuasion as we dive into threats to the natural world. We will be writing a persuasive text using appropriate vocabulary, description and sentence structure. Our writing will look at the iconic speech about pollution and climate change given by Greta Thunberg, which we will base our own writing on.

English Spring 2 – Threats to the natural world

Our work on threats to the natural world will continue, this time focusing on the book Wonder Garden. We will be writing a number of different texts based on this book, honing our writing skills and considering our audience carefully.

Computing Skills Spring 1 - Intro to vector graphics

We will be creating our own vector images, using layering and grouping.

Computing Skills Spring 2 - Flat file databases

Children will be learning all about effective databases, how they work and how they are operated in real life.

Religious Education Spring 1 - Sacred place

The children will explore what sacred places mean to Buddhists.

Religious Education Spring 2 - Belonging

This topic will be focusing on the Islamic religion and how they understand the concept of belonging. The children will follow the 5-step cycle: Inquire, contextualise, evaluate, communicate and apply.

Music Spring 1 – Map Rappers

We will be learning about Map Rappers in music this half term which includes learning to keep the beat, starting with a bit of Vanilla Ice.

RHE Spring 1 - Keeping Safe

Children will be looking into what keeps them safe from effective decision making to safe behaviours. They will be exploring concepts such as bullying.

RHE Spring 2

We will be learning about rights and respects.

DT Spring 2 - Structures

We will be let loose with saws in woodwork. We will be looking at the structure of bird boxes and making one of our own.

Maths Spring 1 and Spring 2

We will be developing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will learn to recognise common equivalents (such as $\frac{1}{2}$, 0.5 and 50%), compare and round decimals, and represent percentages as parts of 100. We will be exploring geometry, with a focus on angles. Pupils will learn to estimate, measure and draw angles accurately using a protractor, identify different types of angles, and use their knowledge of angle properties to solve problems involving rectangles and other quadrilaterals.

Science Spring 1 - Making New Substances

We will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes.

Science Spring 2 - Forces that oppose motion

This exciting unit lends itself to lots of experiments. We will be looking at different states of matter and how chemical reactions can affect the way things change.

Art Spring 1 - painting landscapes

We will be using the work of Vincent Van Gough to inspire landscapes of our own using colour mixing techniques.



Spanish Spring 1

In Spanish we learn all about pets and animals.

PE Spring 1

Indoor Athletics
Dance

PE Spring 2

Swimming
Rugby

Geography Spring 2 - Rivers

This is an exciting topic and will provide an opportunity for the children to go on a field study and see rivers in action.