Year 5 Termly Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026-27

We were delighted to welcome the Year 5 children back to school after the summer holidays. We have been pleased with how well they have settled back into the school routine. We will be sharing a newsletter each term to share the details of the learning that will happen and to tell you any key dates that we think you may need to know. We will also offer some ideas and suggestions of ways that you can support learning at home.

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum		How you can support learning at home
Reading	The Explorer by Katherine Rundell	Ask your child questions about the book (e.g. characters, plot, theme)
Writing	SVGP focus for Autumn term 1. A wide range of genres.	Encourage the children to explore interesting vocabulary, which they can share with us in school Can they remember the different types of nouns and verbs?
Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division and fractions	Regularly encourage your child to play Times Tables Rockstars – at least 21 minutes per week!
History	Early Islamic civilisation: How did Baghdad become the 'City of Peace'?	Visit your local library to research the city of Baghdad. Did you find any interesting facts?
Geography	South America: Why does the Amazon matter?	Use Google Earth to explore the Amazon rainforest. What can you spot?
Science	Properties, changes and separating materials	Explore everyday materials within your home. Can you name their properties?
Art	Sculpture and 3D	Can you research any famous sculptures or find any sculptures in your local area?
D.T	Electrical systems - Doodlers	Explore what makes a series circuit – can you name the components?
R.E	Jews: How does remembering maintain Jewish identity?	Ask your child what they have been learning about in Judaism.
Music	Famous composers and exploring styles of music	Ask your child who their famous music artist is and explore various styles of music
Computing	Introduction to computer systems Video production	Explore devices at home and identify its different parts. Try creating a short video at home.
P. E	Outdoor - iPractise (resilience, persistence and personal best), Indoor – Swimming or pilates	Practice throwing, catching, balance and endurance skills.
French	La phonetique (French phonics) Ma famille (my family)	Encourage your child to teach someone at home 5 French words or phrases they have learnt and practise saying them together.
PSHEE	Emotions: How can we manage challenges? Healthy relationships: is there such a thing as a perfect family?	Can your child name the five British values? Can you practise any mindfulness techniques?

Online Learning – these sites are used at school or could be used at home to practise skills learnt this term

ClassDojo - used to access weekly homework.
Numbots Game
Discovery Education Espresso | Discovery Education UK
Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com)
Primary games - BBC Bitesize
Topmarks Education: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help

Important Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 5th October - School photographer all day (whole school individuals and siblings)
- Tuesday 6th October - School photographer a.m. only (whole school individuals and siblings)
- Saturday 10th October - World Mental Health Day
- Wednesday 14th October - Flu vaccinations
- Friday 16th October 10am - KS2 Black History Month Assembly
- Wednesday 21st October 2:45pm - HT Special Assembly KS2
- Thursday 22nd October - Halloween disco
- Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - half term - school closed
- Monday 2nd November - school closed to pupils - staff training
- Sunday 8th November – Diwali
- Wednesday 11th November – Armistice Day
- Wednesday 11th November – Parents' Evening for Year 5
- Friday 13th November – BBC Children in Need
- Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day
- WB Monday 23rd November – Book Fair
- Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 17th December – HT Special Assembly KS2 2:30pm
- Friday 18th December pm – school closed to pupils – staff training



Here are some of the apps and websites that we use in school and that your children are familiar with.

We also encourage parents to use the Class Dojo parent login to access regular updates and information.

Please let a teacher know if your child does not have a device that will allow them to access these apps for practise or homework.

Times Tables Rockstars

ClassDojo



NUMBOTS



Reminders:

Year Five's P.E/swimming is on **TUESDAY**. Please make sure pupils are wearing the correct P.E uniform on this day (no branded logos). Also, check that jumpers/cardigans, water bottles and lunchboxes are named so that we can return lost items to their owners! If the same rule could apply to swimming kits to avoid any missing items. Homework should be returned by Wednesday of each week.