



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope the holidays have provided some breathing space for you and the family to rest and recuperate.

We know from experience that children only work well if they are happy and enjoy coming to school. So, if you have any concerns, please let us know straight away and we will do our best to resolve them. The end of the day is best, if you wish to discuss anything in detail, but if something can't wait, do catch us before school on the playground.

Staff in Year 5

The two teaching staff in Year 5 are Mr Ives (Mon-Wed) and Miss Phillips (Thur-Fri). Additional support for the class/specific children will be provided by Mrs Smith.

Topic

Our main topic, in the first half of term, will be "settlements" followed by "The Shang Dynasty" in the second. These projects will allow us to study human and physical Geography as well as an Ancient civilization.

Science

Two areas will be covered this term. In *Forces*, we will learn different types of forces, study air resistance and learn about simple machines and how they change forces.

After half term, children will learn about *Earth and Space* including learning about the planets which make up our solar system, understanding what the universe is as well as studying day and night. We will be expanding our knowledge further with a trip to the National Space Station in Leicester in December (more details to follow closer to the time.)

Things to Remember

Water bottles and break time snacks

Children may bring water bottles in for use during lessons. Please ensure bottles are named and are sufficiently watertight and robust to survive the rigors of the classroom. Also, water only please. No juice.

Fruit is the only snack allowed at break times. Children may bring crisps and chocolate etc but only as part of a packed lunch.

Pencil Cases

We will provide all necessary stationary on the tables, so children should not bring in personal pencil cases.

PE Days

Monday afternoons will be swimming for Year 5, with the last session on 8th December. PE in school, will take place on a Wednesday until half term when the day may change (we will advise you if it does). Please make sure children come to school wearing correct PE kit.

Reading Books

All children have chosen a school reading book which is suitable for their age and stage. They have also been given a reading diary to help them record their reading progress. These books may be taken home as long as children remember to bring them back in to school daily.

Homework

To help children (and parents!) with homework, we will put together a grid setting out the weekly expectations for the first half of term, which will be emailed to you as well as being uploaded onto the school website under our class 5 page.

In essence, children will be expected to complete three reads in a week and a piece of Maths. In addition, there will be fortnightly spellings and an activity linked to our topic.

Values

This term we will be focusing on showing RESPECT in the first half term and on demonstrating KINDNESS in the second half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us in school.



Best wishes

The Year 5 Team