



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're at the start of an exciting term for Year 5. Here is an introduction to Year 5 and an overview of what we are covering this term. I am excited to share that my second child is due to be born this half term. Mrs Macklin will be covering the class during my paternity leave.

Topic

During this term, we have the are looking at the Grand Canyon and its significance. We will explore the following questions:

Where will we find the Grand Canyon?

This term, students will learn about the Grand Canyon, focusing on its size and the natural processes that contributed to its formation, such as erosion and geological activity. They will also study biomes and vegetation belts, which are regions with specific climates, plants, and animals. Students will explore the biomes found within the Grand Canyon and examine how its unique environment supports different forms of life. Additionally, the class will discuss how human activity and land use, such as tourism and conservation efforts, have impacted the Grand Canyon over time.

PE Days

The PE days for Year 5 are Tuesday and Friday. We have Bikeability on the week beginning Monday 20th January. Group 1 will have their sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Group 2 will have their sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. Groups will be organised at the beginning of next week.

Reading Books

Your child will be receiving a reading book matched to their reading level. These are based on their end of year data from last year. Children are expected to read a minimum of three times a week for at least 10 minutes. Please record these in their reading diary.

Children can change their reading book during morning break on Tuesdays and Thursdays by bringing their book into school.

Homework

Our homework is in four parts:

1. Reading their colour banded book a minimum of three times a week.
2. Children will receive biweekly spellings. They will be tested on these with spot checks by any member of staff throughout school, as well as at the end of half term.
3. Alternating Timestable Rockstars and Doodle Maths. Logins will be sent home and Doodle Maths will be explained to the children.

4. Children will receive the knowledge organiser for the main topics. Please read them through with your child.

Values

This term we will be focusing on showing Pride in the first 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 me in school.

Best wishes,

Mr Rice

