



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term | Class 5

Welcome

A brand new school year is here, and we are so excited to begin this learning journey with you. Year 5 is full of new challenges, amazing discoveries, and opportunities to shine.

Remember—Year 5 is a place where everyone is valued, mistakes are part of learning, and kindness and respect always come first. Together, we will make this a year to remember!

- On **Mondays and Tuesdays**, Mrs Earp will be teaching, supported by our wonderful classroom learning support assistants, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Cox.
- On **Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**, Mrs Chidgey will take over teaching duties, with Mrs Quinn and Mrs Cox continuing their valued support and Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Anderson helping on a Wednesday.

PE Timetable:

- **Tuesday** – Swimming/PE
- **Thursday** – PE

Please remember to **regularly check Google Classroom** for important updates, announcements, and class information.

Our Learning

Growing in Mind, Body and Spirit

As always, our expectations remain high. We strive to nurture positive, reflective learners who consistently give their best and understand that mistakes are a natural part of the learning journey. We are committed to creating an environment where every pupil feels valued, supported, and encouraged. In return, we expect excellent behaviour, mutual respect, and a strong attitude towards learning from all our pupils.

Celebrating Success in Class 5

Here are some of the ways we will be recognising and rewarding their hard work:

- Pupils are working hard to earn class jar points, working together towards an exciting class reward.
- Our Golden Ticket prizes are awarded for excellent reading log entries
- Each day, our classroom trophy is placed on tables where pupils demonstrate outstanding learning behaviours.
- We love to celebrate excellent work—whether it's shared verbally or showcased using our class visualiser.



Our Learning Continued...

- Exceptional efforts may also be recognised by being shared with the headteacher.
- During our weekly School Celebration Assembly, pupils may be awarded certificates for their achievements.

While we always place a strong emphasis on positive rewards and celebrating success, it's also important that expectations around behaviour and work ethic are met. If these expectations are not upheld, pupils may be required to complete unfinished work during their free time, such as break or lunch.

Homework

Home tasks will be weekly spellings (set and tested on a Monday); reading and an alternation between Maths White Rose booklets and tasks related to Literacy and or topic work which will also be set and collected in on a Monday.

We were impressed to see how well the class did with Mathletics last year and would love to see the same this year. Let's see if you can win trophy again.

Reading homework will be checked. We will focus on quality entries in Reading Logs - this involves reflective comments based on what pupils have read. For those who make exceptional effort, a golden ticket will be awarded and put in the raffle for prizes at the end of the half term.

If you find the homework too tricky, we are happy to help. Remember to ask for help before the due-date.

Homework will be posted on the Google Classroom so that it can be shared with parents and can be found in case worksheets or reminders become mislaid.

Reminders

Library is open on a Tuesday.

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Please name and label everything (jumpers and PE kit).

Half Termly - We will place any lost property from the cloakroom outside for children and parents to see.

Upcoming Events

We the Curious - 12th September

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Please look at Google Classroom regularly for any other dates.

Curriculum

We will use Literacy Tree and EdShed resources to teach English. The books that we cover are all available from good bookstores if you wish to purchase copies to read at home while we are studying them in class. Children are invited to bring in their own copies to follow along if they wish. We are starting with the Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and then continue with The Man Who Walked Between Towers – Mordicai Gerstein, Playscript – The Tempest and The Odyssey – Gillian Cross To begin in Guided Reading, we will focus on non-fiction texts and poetry and then move on to our fiction book – Stig of the Dump.

In Maths, we will be studying Number and Place Value, the Four Operations ($+$ $-$ \times \div) and Statistics.

In Art, we will be exploring landscapes through the work of the famous Scottish artist James McIntosh Patrick. In Geography, our new topic is the exciting world of Volcanoes, while in History we will journey back in time to uncover the story of the United Kingdom from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In Science, we'll begin with a bang as we blast off into our study of Space—including an exciting trip to We the Curious! In Music, we will focus on pulse, learning to play on the Glockenspiels. In French, pupils will continue with the Le Jolie Ronde programme—after last year's impressive French song, expectations are high! In Computing, our three units will cover Computing Systems and Networks, Creating Media, and Internet Safety.

RE Curriculum information will be sent out separately with lots of information about our new curriculum.

We are really looking forward to working together with you to help all the children learn and grow.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Chidgey and Mrs Earp

