

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 5. The children have come back to school ready to learn. We look forward to working with you this year to ensure the best progress for your child. Please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day or via Class Dojo if you have any questions/concerns.



This term, we will start by focusing on our map skills looking at modern-day Greece. This will lead into our history unit learning about the powerful warriors and leaders from Ancient Greece. Through research, we hope to develop our knowledge of this period and practise our skills as historians. In Art and DT, we will be looking at the intricate detail on Ancient Greek pottery and attempting to replicate this ourselves using clay.



In Science, we have already begun learning about different forces and how these impact our everyday lives. After half term, we will be moving onto Earth and Space.

In English, we will explore a range of genres over the term including modern fiction creating atmosphere and suspense, persuasive writing and performing a speech, Myths and Legends linked to our Ancient Greece history unit and non-chronological reports. Additionally, we will be focusing on regular spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting lessons to consolidate and extend its use; this will add accuracy as well as depth to our written and creative work.



In Maths, we will be practising number skills and times tables alongside our daily maths lessons. The children will take part in weekly arithmetic and times tables activities to support their progress across Maths, as well as mastering new concepts, ideas or consolidating previous knowledge.

In RE, the children will be exploring aspects of Hinduism in Autumn One and Christianity in Autumn Two. We will be considering the importance of prayer and worships for Hindus, before focusing on why Christmas is a such special time for Christians.

Finally, in PE, the children will be practising outwitting opponents! After half term, we will be looking at body composition through dance and gymnastics. Throughout PE, there is a strong focus on good teamwork and the importance of physical fitness and the effect this can have on our mental wellbeing. We will be having weekly swimming lessons at

Stewards Pool to develop water confidence and their abilities in the 4 main strokes. Any child who is a competent swimmer will be challenged further by practising their personal survival skills and building stamina.

Please ensure that P.E kits are in school every day; PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays which will eventually change to Thursdays. This should consist of a PE top in the colour of their house, dark coloured jogging bottoms (for outdoor PE sessions), black shorts, black plimsolls or trainers. Remember children should not wear jewellery during PE; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons long hair must be tied back.

Weekly homework will be sent out; this will be spellings set on Class Dojo and TT Rockstars - if you have trouble accessing this please contact me. Spelling tests will take place each Monday.



As well as the above, it is important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 20 minutes a day; this forms part of their set homework.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to working with you this year.

Miss Stoneman and Mrs Riggall