



# Year 5 Newsletter

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Teachers: Mr Longley

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we'd like to welcome you and your child to Year 5 and introduce the team for the next academic year. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the children and meeting many of you already at the parent meeting this year. We are looking forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. We hope we have the opportunity to work together to ensure your child has a fantastic and smooth journey throughout the year.

Year 5 is a fantastic year for the children and presents many exciting learning and personal opportunities. The children will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and development as well as setting an excellent example to younger members of the school through positive behaviour, attitude and learning behaviours.

This half-term sees the children embark on a brand new learning journey called 'Wonder'. This topic is based around the book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio and sees the children explore many exciting and engaging activities across the curriculum. In particular the children will explore the issues of relationships, bullying, tolerance and how the human body develops. This will also link into Science as we investigate the different life cycles of animals and plants.

In English, the children will be working hard to develop their knowledge and skills in a variety of genres. These include: descriptive poetry, describing feelings, mystery writing and letters. In addition, they will continue to develop their spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting skills.

In Mathematics, we will continue to develop our skills across key areas, such as place value, addition and subtraction. They will also have a short daily arithmetic session in order to develop their skills across the four operations.

## **Reminders**

**PE** - Year 5 will have PE on a Monday and a Friday (Please remember correct PE kit including out-door trainers for all sessions)

**Home Learning Tasks** – Your child will receive a variety of home learning tasks throughout the half term to consolidate and develop their learning. They should also be encouraged to read at home each night independently or with an adult. As the children become more confident readers we would like to encourage them to read a variety of different genres.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

**Mr Longley, Mr Waldron and Mrs Kilby**