

A guide to Year 5

Residential

I have provisionally booked to take the children on a two night residential at the end of Year 5. For the past few years we have taken Year 5 to Lineham Farm. I will be sending out a letter of interest this week and would appreciate it if you could return the slip as soon as possible so that I can confirm with the centre if we are definitely going. If we do confirm you will receive further information and the deposit of £20 would need to be paid by Christmas. Any problems please see me or Mrs Flaherty.

Your child should have a water bottle in school. School can be very warm, especially now the heating is on and all children should be able to have a drink when needed.

Finally, I hope the children are enjoying their time in Year 5, they have settled in well and I am really enjoying teaching them and watching them progress. I look forward to meeting you at the parent consultations in a few weeks and would like to thank you for your on-going support. As always, any problems, concerns or questions please don't hesitate to come and see me. Thank you.

Mrs Ince

PE kits need to be in school every **Thursday** starting this week! Please ensure your child has a **white t-shirt and black shorts or black track-suit bottoms.**

Homework

Reading/Maths/Learning log homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday and must be returned on a Wednesday unless otherwise stated, thank you to the parents who support their children with their homework and ensure it is in on time. I've been very pleased with the standard of homework so far.

Year 5 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back - the dark nights have certainly found their way back to us as we return from half term ready for the month of November!

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready to work hard, learn and enjoy, in the build up to Christmas. This newsletter aims to remind you about the weekly routines in Year 5 and inform you of what the children will be learning this half term.

This half term is going to be a busy one, with lots of exciting events to look forward to. A date you may want for your diary is the Key Stage 2 Christmas Service on Tuesday 19th December.

We have also got a trip to the town hall to see Matilda on Thursday 16th November, if you haven't already returned your permission slip and voluntary contribution please do so this week.

Autumn Term 2—Curriculum Map

<p><u>English</u> During this half term we will be studying the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. The children will further develop their writing skills. Last half term the children spent quite some time using a thesaurus to improve their vocabulary and it might be worth thinking about a thesaurus as a Christmas gift—a children's pocket version would be ideal. We will continue to work on grammar and punctuation and spellings. A new spelling list will be sent home this week— please encourage your child to look at their spellings each week and not leave learning them to the day before the test. Results overall were disappointing last half term.</p>	<p><u>Art</u> This half term we will be focusing on Design Technology.</p>	<p><u>History</u> This half term Mrs Hughes will teach the children History and the focus will be Ancient Greece.</p>
<p><u>Maths</u> We will begin this half term looking at the written methods of addition and subtraction, with a focus on identifying errors. We will then move on to properties of numbers such as factors and prime numbers and just before Christmas we will revisit short multiplication and short division. The children will also continue to use Mathematics to support their learning, please encourage your child to log on at home and practise their Maths. Times tables continue to be a focus.</p>	<p><u>DT</u> We will be experimenting with clay and how to make various pots. The children will then design their own container made from clay and paint and decorate it.</p>	<p><u>Geography</u> This half term we will be focusing on History.</p>
<p><u>Science</u> Our second science topic will be Earth and Space. The children will be finding out more about our solar system, with a particular focus on the Earth, Sun and Moon. Can you name all the planets in our solar system?</p>	<p><u>RE - 'The Commandments'</u> The children will learn that God loves us and calls us into relationship with him. They will learn about the Ten Commandments as a gift from God and how they should shape the way we live our lives. During this topic we also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> The children will become programmers this half term as they further develop their skills using Scratch. This programme can be downloaded or accessed online if the children want to practise at home.</p>
<p><u>Music</u> Mrs Hughes will teach Year 5 music. The children will continue to explore rhythm and begin to learn how rhythms are written in musical notation.</p>	<p><u>PE</u> This half term the children will be developing their invasion game skills. We will particularly focus on the skills and rules involved in netball.</p>	<p><u>MFL</u> The children will continue to learn French with Mrs Hughes and will focus on greetings and asking and responding to questions.</p>