

Year 5 Class Newsletter—Autumn Term 2025

We have an exciting year ahead, packed with fun and interesting topics. I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout the year. Mrs Melville is our class LSA this year and Mrs Coxhead will be teaching the class on a Wednesday afternoon.

Reading

The children will continue to have access to our school library and our Accelerated Reader scheme. Our expectation is that the children read five times a week at home (for 10-15 minutes) and that they read to an adult at least twice a week. Hearing your child read or encouraging them to relax with a book (or any reading material) is proven to be hugely beneficial to so many areas of their school life.

Maths

Our BIG area to improve this year is our recall of times tables. The curriculum expectation is that all times tables can be recalled quickly in order to apply them to concepts such as fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be having a weekly times table test on a Thursday which will count towards the school's 'Times Table Marathon'.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and we will mark this together the following Friday. The children have an A4 purple homework book.

Spellings: The spellings for the whole of each half-term will be provided. The spelling test is on a Friday.

Maths - weekly: Children will have the opportunity to consolidate and further their learning via the 'My Maths' and 'Times Table Rockstars' homework sites. I will send paper based maths homework home

occasionally. If you are unable to access the homework online, please let me know and we can make time for this in school. Please note that we have had a change in maths curriculum this year, meaning some MyMaths doesn't link so well. Some weeks I will set work on there with a link to a task on a website.

English - weekly: The school provides a grammar, spelling and punctuation resource book. Please let me know if completing homework has been difficult in the past and we will find a way to work around this.

P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Thursday and Friday during the first half term.

Our Topics

The Victorians

Our topic this half-term will be all about the Victorian era, focussing on children's experiences and revolutionary inventions.

Stargazers

To infinity and beyond! Our space topic will be taking place during the second autumn term and the first spring term. We also hope to book the Wonderdome planetarium again.

October half-term homework

Please research and present some information about something or someone who has travelled to space. Your work can be presented in any form you wish. Can you find someone that you think others may not have heard of?

Thank-you in advance for your support,
Miss. Eglington and Mrs Melville

