

Year 5 Class Newsletter—Spring Term 2026

Happy New Year! Time is flying by so quickly and we have had such a positive start to Year Five.

Reading

Thank you for hearing your child read at home. Reading features in all curriculum subjects and so being able to read fluently makes learning easier and more enjoyable.

Our school expectations are:

-To read for at least 10-15 mins per night.

-To read to an adult twice a week. The children receive team points for this when I check their reading records every Monday.

We will continue to read our class novel *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, which the children are finding hilarious. We'll also be learning to read and perform JFK's famous moon launch speech. Thank you to those families who have been acting as 'lucky listeners' by hearing some of the texts we have learned to perform in class.

P.E. Days

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

Mathematics

Keep practising your times tables. Regarding the school's Times Table Marathon, in Year 5 it would be ideal to be beyond gold level. It is an expectation that Year 5 children know all their times tables.

Times tables knowledge is vital in Year Five and Six as the curriculum takes it as a given that the children know *all* their times tables when facing new concepts such as percentages, decimals and written methods for multiplying and dividing larger numbers.

A few children have fallen behind with their MyMaths homework so please check how your child is getting on. It's ok to help them if they're getting stuck.

OUR TOPIC, 1st HALF-TERM

STAR GAZERS

Our topic this half-term will continue to be space themed but with a greater focus on space travel. During science, we will be focussing on forces in action (gravity, friction, air resistance etc). We will also continue to create electronic buggies and hope to invite our parents in to see how these are progressing.

OUR TOPIC, 2nd HALF-TERM

PHAROAHS (Ancient Egypt)

After half-term we will be returning to a history focus, when we expand our knowledge of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Second half-term homework

Find out about an Ancient Egyptian god. You can take this in any direction you wish and present it in a way you like. This homework can be brought in at any point during the half term.

Thank you for your support so far this year. I was astounded by the quantity and quality of their space homework projects. It has been many years since I have had such a huge amount of homework projects brought in; it really shows what supportive families the class have.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm happy to talk to you about your child's progress at any point; we don't have to wait until parents' evening.

Miss. Eglinton

Mrs Melville (class LSA)

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