

Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2026

Welcome back to the final term of Year 5! The children have made a great start to the new term. They have come back ready to learn and have produced some fantastic work already.

Handwriting and Presentation

We are continuing to emphasise handwriting and presentation in all of our work. We are grateful for your continued support in reinforcing our expectations at home. The work that we have done on this so far is really paying off and we have seen fantastic improvements in the children's handwriting.

English

In English this term, we will begin by a version of *The Odyssey*, adapted by Gillian Cross. The children will be writing for a range of different purposes and using vocabulary which is appropriate for the story. This text also gives children many opportunities to present their work to the class aloud.

Maths

In Maths, we will be reinforcing and building on the work we did last term on place value, decimals, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages, measurement and statistics.

You can help at home by practising all the times tables and the matching division facts, as this will help children in many of the above areas.

Foundation subjects

History - We will be learning about the Maya and what made them so successful.

Science - Our focus throughout this term will be on life cycles of both humans and other animals.

DT - We will be developing our sewing techniques and using them to make a "mug rug", which the children will be able to decorate and embellish.

We also have two very exciting opportunities to look forward to this term - one is the Reach Out after school programme, for which you should have already received a letter. The other is our sailing course, which we will be starting after Half Term. We will provide more information about this nearer the time.

Notices

PE: Tuesdays and Fridays - Please make sure that your child brings their **full PE kit** to school on these days

Homework: Will be set on **Fridays** and due back the following **Tuesday**. Homework will either be a reading comprehension or a maths focus based on previous learning. We will also be setting spelling homework on Emile and Maths homework on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Reading: Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read each evening. Please make sure that they are spending at least 15 minutes reading per day and sign their Reading Record to acknowledge that they have done this.

