

# Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2026

Welcome to Year 5! This academic year, the Year 5 Team is Mr Phillips, Miss Lorraine and Mr Burns. The children have made a great start to the year. They have come back ready to learn and have produced some fantastic work already.

## Handwriting, Presentation and Oracy

In Year 5, we are asking the children to **always join their handwriting, plan how they are going to lay out their work before they start, use what they have learned in Handwriting in all writing tasks and to only decorate their work when it is appropriate.**

Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding, and engage with others effectively through spoken language and active listening. In year 5 we will be making a greater effort to encourage the children develop all of these skills over the course of the year.

## English

In English this term, we will begin by focusing on the text *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy.

As always, our English lessons will be focused on grammar and spelling objectives as well as composition and we will be doing extra spelling practice throughout the week to help the children become familiar with the spelling rules.

## Maths

Some of the topics that will be covered in Maths are 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 Vikings and looking in particular at their invasion of Britain and the changes that took place as a result.

**Science** - The first topic this term will be Earth, Sun and Moon, followed by Forces after half term.

**Art** - Our focus in Art this term will be on painting.

## 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, as in Year 4.
- **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.