



Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 2—2024/2025

Notices and Reminders

Year 5 PE day is **Tuesday**. Children should come to school in their PE kit.

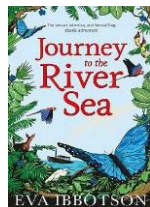
Homework will focus on reading and times tables. Reading records should be in school every day and will be checked on a Friday.

Remember to bring coats and water bottles each day and ensure that they are clearly named.

Reading

This half term the children will complete 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon' by Grace Lin. Their new text will be 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This is an adventure story following Maia, an orphan girl, who travels to South America to live with relatives.

The children will continue to be primary, secondary and independent readers, whilst also developing their comprehension skills.



Writing

In their language lessons, the children will be practicing the use of different sentence types before moving on to develop their confidence in using direct speech.

In their composition lessons, the children will complete their narrative unit by writing an independent portal story. The children will then move on to a piece of writing with the purpose to inform - a recount text in the form of a newspaper report.



Key dates

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November - Individual Photos

Friday 8th November - Remembrance
Children can wear Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers uniforms

Tuesday 19th November - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 22nd November - This is Me Day

Saturday 7th December - HLSA Christmas Fair

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 10th December - End of term concert for students of Mr Dancer (2.30)

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - The last day of term

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be learning how to find and recognise equivalent fractions. They will be converting fractions into mixed numbers, as well as converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. Then they will compare and order different fractions. The children will later move onto adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.



Science

In science the children will be learning about the changes as humans develop to old age. The children will learn about the different stages of human development before researching whether larger animals have longer gestation periods.



History

In history the children will be learning about how the Romans conquered Britain and how this affected life for the Britons. They will explore how the Romans came to leave Britain and how the Anglo-Saxons subsequently took over most of Britain.



DT

In DT the children will be learning about kinetic energy and air resistance. They will then consider these when designing and building their own sling shot cars. Once built, the children will test and evaluate their cars against their original design criteria.



PE

In PE the children will be developing their dancing skills, specifically looking at street dance. They will be creating, performing and evaluating their own dances in small groups.



Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about networks, computer systems and how they communicate. They will also be exploring how the internet works, specifically looking at how people can work collaboratively to offer a variety of communications.



PSHE

In PSHE the children will learn how to help in an emergency. They will discuss the important steps when helping a person in need, specifically if they have a cut, are choking, having an asthma attack or an allergic reaction.



French

In French the children will learn how to describe the members of a family, including the words for parents and siblings. They will also build on previous years' knowledge and learn the numbers from 10 to 70.



Suggested books for reading

