September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We are really pleased with the way that the children have settled into their new classes and how keen they have been to learn. Your continued support in helping your child with class work and the completion of homework is very important and much appreciated. It is vital that we all continue to work in partnership to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

The following table outlines what the children will be learning this term. We hope that this gives you a clear indication of the areas of study and ways in which you can support them.

Maths	Read Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman numerals. Place value of numbers 10, 100, 1000, 1,0000, 100,000, up to 1,000,000 - comparing , ordering and rounding. Addition and subtraction - mental strategies ; calculations of numbers with more than 4 digits. Multiplication and division- by 10, 100, 1000; Multiples, factors, Prime numbers , square numbers, cubed numbers. Fractions- equivalent, improper, mixed numbers, adding and subtracting.	Please help your child learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. Children need to practise them every day to build proficiency. They must know them in and out of order. Encourage them to share the derived division facts for the times tables. Find ways to make maths functional at home e.g. by encouraging your child to add up the shopping bill; weighing quantities when cooking; calculating timings for cooking. Practise telling the time on an analogue clock.
Literacy	We will read and explore 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' by Onjali Q. Raúf. As well as the book **Viking Boy** which is linked to our topic of the Vikings. As well as our Book Week topic! 2nd half term: We will be writing instructions for Bread and linking it to our Design and Technology. Fiction will be the picture book Quest and we will also be writing Limericks!	Read to your child and encourage them to read to you. Discuss with them, the text that they are reading to check their understanding. Please remind your child to bring their reading books home from school.
Science	1st half term: Forces 2nd half term: Earth and Space	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39 Ask your child to tell you all about space, the planets, the Earth, sun and moon. Also, please support them with the completion of their Moon diary. Share non-fiction books and relevant news articles and appropriate documentaries.

History	The Vikings	Explore the Vikings from the comfort of your own home below: https://www.vikingtidsmuseet.no/english/ https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/discover-from-home/ **The Maya:** https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw
Art	Typography and maps	You can explore typography further at home below: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zh3tvcw
Design and Technology	Making bread.	Practise your bread making skills at home! https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/ztfttrd https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zypsgk7/articles/z39rmsg
Computing	1st Half Term : Online Safety 2nd Half term: Databases	Discuss online safety with your child to reinforce the safety messages we give at school. As a school we are using Purple Mash for children to practise and learn their computing skills. They will be provided a login through the school.
R.E	Judaism Different religions and their Gods.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8 Explore and discuss Judaism with your child. What is different about any other religions that they have experienced? What is the same?
Music	Musical Focus – Introduction to Ukulele! Winter show songs	Embrace the singing that you definitely will be hearing a lot in the latter part of the term.
P.E	Invasion games Dance or Gymnastics	Encourage your child to participate in outdoor activities and school teams. Give them regular opportunities to walk to and from school.
Spanish	Spanish café's and restaurants Spanish culture Christmas in Spain	Please ask your child to share what they have learned. Gracias!
PSHE	Unit 1: There is no I in team Unit 2: Relationships and marriage	Discuss what your child has been learning in PSHE. We are happy to share the materials we use to teach PSHE if you have any questions.

Important dates for your diaries:

Harvest food donations please – Friday 10th October 2025
Book week: Monday 20th October – Friday 24th October 2025
Half term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
INSET day: Monday 3rd November 2025
Parent / teacher meetings: Tuesday 11th November & Thursday 13th November 2025

Year 5 & 6 Show: Tuesday 9th December & Wednesday 10th December matinee performances. Thursday 11th December evening performance

End of term: Friday 19th December 2025, school closes at 1.15pm.
Back to school: Monday 5th January 2026

Homework – Most of the homework set in year 5 will be using the year 5 Google classroom. Please make sure you are able to login from home. Contact your class teacher if you need a login.

School day – Please remember that school starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:30pm. Please ensure that your children arrive on time and that you collect them promptly.
If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office on the first day of absence and send a letter when they return.

If you would like your child to walk home by themselves please make sure you put this request in writing and send to the office.

Uniform -To help avoid belongings going missing, please make sure that all clothing and footwear is **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term with a plethora of inspirational opportunities for your children.

The Year 5 Team

Mr Oldham Mrs Fry Mrs McCarthy