



Year 5 - Autumn Term



Dear Parent/Carer,
Welcome to Year 5! I hope you have all had a lovely break over the summer holidays! Below is an overview of what we are going to cover in class in the Autumn Term:

Topic: Our Geography topic will be exploring Extreme Earth by understanding key aspects of physical geography including climate zones, biomes, rivers of the World and rivers of the UK. In our history topic we're heading back to 1066, one of the most important years in English history. We'll discover how three different men wanted to be king. We'll find out what happened in the famous Battle of Hastings and how William won, forever changing England.

Maths: In Autumn Term we will begin by focusing on number and place value. We will then apply our understanding of place value in the addition and subtraction of numbers over one thousand. We will have a big focus on understanding the mathematical basics before application to higher level reasoning and fluency questions.

English: - In English we are looking at the book 'Song of the River' by Gill Lewis. After a flood destroys their home, a girl named Cari learns about a plan to reintroduce beavers to her valley to prevent future flooding. She fights against locals who are against the idea, hoping the beavers can help save her and her mum's new life. The class are going to practice their reading comprehension skills, write from the point of view of the main characters and rewrite parts of the book in addition to exploring vocabulary and imagery in their poetry.

Science: Get ready to be super scientists! This term, we're exploring the amazing world of materials and how they can change. We'll investigate what happens when we mix different things together and discover which changes are reversible and which are irreversible. We'll be using words like dissolving, melting, and boiling to describe the changes we see. It's going to be a fun and messy term!

Art and Design Technology: We will be using inspiration from our topic work to create Norman battle shields, motte and bailey castles and create our own visual and three-dimensional maps to accompany our work on rivers.

Music: We are going to listen and appraise the song 'Livin' On A Prayer' and other Classic Rock songs with the aim to showcase our learning with a performance!

Computing: This unit will explore how information is shared between digital systems.

R.E – Our RE work will focus on the question: *What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy and Loving?* We are going to investigate this through bible stories and parables before considering what ourselves and Christians believe makes God worthy of worship.

P.S.H.E. – Our topic in Jigsaw this half term is "Being Me in My World". This will involve children exploring our responsibility in society and community.

Spanish: We will be revising Spanish greetings, pronunciation and learning how to present ourselves.

P.E: PE lessons will be on **Wednesday mornings**. Please make sure your child has the appropriate kit in school on those days including weather appropriate outdoor clothing and trainers. Long hair should be tied back, and all earrings and jewellery must be removed.

Forest School: On alternate Friday afternoons, the children will be having Forest School sessions with RUKI. These sessions will take place on the following dates this half-term:

- 19/09/25
- 10/10/25
- 07/11/25
- 21/11/25
- 05/12/25

Children will need a full change of appropriate clothes, including boots/wellies, long trousers and long-sleeve top of jumper.

Seating Plan in our classroom: We operate a mixed-ability system in our classroom therefore your child will generally sit in the same seat for all subjects and not have different maths and writing tables. Differentiation is still always in place so all children have access to the support and challenge they need as individuals each day across all subjects. These seats will be changed on a half-termly basis.

Reading circles and maths homework tasks: As we enter Year 5, children will be introduced to reading circles; the format is designed to foster a love of reading alongside promotion of reading and comprehension skills. This will be performed in groups within class and will be based on the reading groups from Year 4. Reading and maths homework will be set on a weekly basis. Your child will be given a reading circles book to take home, along with a role to complete work that will be due the following week. During the Autumn term, one new role will be introduced per week. **Please ensure your child is pushing themselves to do the best homework they can.** Children must always ensure their work is presented neatly (as it is in school). Any simple writing that could contain Year 5/6 spellings is always useful. These spellings can be found on the inside of children's homework books.

Reading records: Children all have reading records that they can update when they have read to an adult or to themselves. These records will be checked weekly.

This term I will be out of class on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for PPA time. Mr Cartledge will cover both mornings!

I look forward to the year ahead and would like to thank you in advance for your support with reading tasks and homework activities. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange a phone call or conversation.

Best wishes,
Mrs Stonadge (Y5 teacher)