



Nurturing HEARTs and Minds



A warm welcome to Year 5, we hope you had a restful summer break! Attached is some information about Year 5 including some key information on rules, routines and the topics and texts we will be studying this term.

5W: Taught by Mr. Walker, supported by Mrs. Thompson

5R: Taught by Miss. Roberts, supported by Mr. Smith



Reading



To tie in with our Earth and Space topic, we will be using a wonderful picture book called *Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon*, then moving onto Greek Myths.



Writing

We will be starting with the book *Computer Dad* as our stimulus for our narrative writing. We will then be using *Mars Transmission*. After half term, we are using the poem 'The Highwayman' and finishing the term with 'The Snowman.'



Mathematics

We will be starting our work looking at place value, progressing on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Within this, children will be faced with a range of problems to solve. We will be working hard at making sure the children know their times tables, but it is imperative that they continue to practise them at home, using TTRock stars.



Science



For the first part of the term, we will study the fascinating topic Earth and Space. After half term, we will be looking at forces in motion, including: gravity, air resistance and friction and water resistance.

Geography and History



We will be beginning the term with Geography, looking at 4 and 6 figure grid references and then moving onto History and the Ancient Greeks.



PPA, P.E and Swimming

PE will take place on a Monday and a Tuesday. P.E kits are required to be worn into school on those days. Kit consists of Plain black shorts, white t-shirt (with or without the school logo) and trainers. Monday PE will be outside, so children can wear School PE kit or plain grey or black joggers in the event of cold weather (no logos, additional colours or stripes are acceptable).

For Autumn term, 5R will be swimming every Tuesday morning starting on 10th September so require their swimming kits on this day, children will need to wear school uniform to school, this will continue for the entire term. 5W will rotate between PE and Art during their PPA morning, so will need to wear PE kit into school that day. If your child cannot participate in swimming or PE for any reason, they must bring a letter explaining reasons why as it is part of the curriculum.



Homework

We would like every child to engage in their reading as this is key to so many other areas of the curriculum, therefore for the first half term we will be prioritising the requirement for all children to complete five or more reads recorded on the BoomReader app.

Snacks

As we are approaching a healthy school status, we would like to remind all parents and children that the school policy is that breaktime snacks consist of only fruit or veg in its original form.



Social Media

In recent years, Year 5 classes have increasingly been impacted by the harmful effects of social media resulting in many children becoming deeply upset for a variety of reasons. The minimal age for 'WhatsApp' (for example) was 13, but has recently been raised to 16 (although this is not legally binding). We understand that it is very hard to prevent children from using social media, but we stress the importance of discussing and monitoring your child's usage and implementing strategies to minimise the impact.

Routines

Children who wish to walk or cycle home on their own or with an older sibling must have a completed 'Walking Home Alone' form which is available from your class teacher. In addition to this, children may bring a mobile phone only if it is for their safety while walking to and from school, before phones come into school parents must complete a 'mobile phone' form. Finally, your child may bring a small (must fit completely in their tray), named pencil case to school with their own equipment if they wish too.

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch with one of the team.

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Wednesday 4th September: Term starts

Monday 9th September: Space Dome

Tuesday 22nd October: Harvest performance

Thursday 24th October: End of half term

Monday 4th November: First day of Autumn 2

Tuesday 5th November: Science Fair (2:45pm)

Friday 20th December: End of half term

Tuesday January 7th : First day of Spring term

	8.40	8.55	9.00		10:30	10:45 - 11	11:00-12:15	12:15	12.30	1.30	1:45	2:30	3:20
Monday	Retrieval quiz/	Register	Reading	English 9:30-10:30	Assembly	B R E A K	Maths	Spellings	L U N C H	Class reader	PE	RHSE	H O M E
Tuesday	Retrieval quiz	Register	Spelling	PPA			PPA (9:30-12:00)	Handwriting		Book club	History/Geography		
Wednesday	Retrieval quiz	Register	English	Reading	Assembly		Maths	Handwriting		Class reader	Science		
Thursday	Retrieval quiz	Register	English	Reading	Assembly		Maths	Handwriting		Class reader	Spanish	Computing	
Friday	Retrieval quiz	Register	Praise Assembly		English		Maths	Reading		Pic news	RE		