

Year 5 Newsletter September 2026

I hope you had a pleasant summer break and welcome to Year 5.

In Year 5, we aim for children to get more involved with their learning, become more self-reliant in the classroom, take up more responsibility throughout school as well as gain confidence in themselves. This is to prepare them for the continuing journey throughout school.

The children will be taught by me from Monday to Friday as well as Mrs Aspden-Lewis on a Tuesday.

Your child is encouraged to bring in a water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. This must be filled with water.

If there are any issues, please encourage your child to come and speak to me as soon as possible, so that we can resolve any problems that may arise when they appear!

I hope your child has a wonderful time in year 5, expanding their knowledge as well as their personality.

Mr Driscoll

Reading s Reading Books

A key life skill to help develop a successful child is reading, both in fluency and comprehension. We set aside 10 minutes a day (usually after dinner) for quiet, independent reading, where the children are allowed to read a book for their own enjoyment. These are kept in the year 5 library area and are all chosen for the age group.

Your child will also be given a book to take home to be read in their own time, these will be selected from our 'take-home-reader' section. We do not have a specific day for returns to allow children time to enjoy their home reading; We also do not 'run' home reading records, despite this we do keep a record of all books taken home to be read. Children are free to change their books once they have finished reading them. Please encourage your child to return their books in the provided bags, especially when they are coming to and from school.

8:45 - G:00 Warm up time

During this half-term, we are focusing on daily revision in the morning for a variety of subjects, including math calculations, handwriting, spelling and comprehensions skills. This will allow your child to revise and practice skills taught to them previously in earlier years.

Art

Please can you provide a large or old shirt for your child to wear over their uniform to avoid any paint from staining any clothing.

PE

The children will take part in a P.E. lesson every Wednesday afternoon, some of these lessons may happen while there is rain. Please ensure they have suitable clothing and shoes for outdoor activity. They are welcome to take a lightweight waterproof jacket to any outdoor P.E. lesson

Spellings

Knowing how to spell is a gateway for your child to portray their thoughts and feelings in a variety of ways. We hope to help expand their vocabulary for use in everyday life and their work. In class, they will have time in the day (usually as a morning task) to practice their spellings.

Your child will be given a booklet of spellings to take home, for them to learn and practice spelling, please ensure they are completing these spellings and practicing each word regularly.