



Year 5 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5!

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A warm welcome back to school to you from the Year 5 team. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you and your children and have a full year planned.

English: Reading

In Year 5 we would like to continue to nurture a love of reading; we aim to provide children with a range of genres and writing styles so that every child can find a style or genre of books that they enjoy reading. Children will be given a reading book appropriate to their stage of development and given the choice of books weekly from the library. We are still looking for regular reading and at least three quality comments in their reading records (two adult comments and one written by the child). Year 5 Library day is a Friday and we change class reading books on a Thursday.

Writing

We will be focusing on the fantastic book 'Varjak Paw' this half term. We will be reading the book in our classes so all of our English work will be drawn from the book. The children will be writing in a range of genres which will include writing in role.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by looking at place value followed by addition and subtraction, statistics and multiplication. Incorporated into every lesson will be arithmetic skills and regular practice of the skills learnt in previous years. Children are encouraged to still continue to access Times Tables Rock Stars.

Homework

Maths and English homework continues to be set on Fridays and must be in the following Wednesday. We will be using Atom Learning for Maths and English homework. This year, we will be using a new spelling scheme—CUSP. Children will be taking part in weekly spelling lessons and identifying spellings in their writing. They will have a piece of spelling homework to complete each week in their homework books. There won't be weekly spelling tests for the children.



DIARY DATES

Growing gains: **Dates TBC**

PE days:

5CW Tuesday

5CS and 5RS Thursday

2nd October

Flu Vaccinations in school

7th October

Harvest Service in Church
13:45 (parents welcome)

11th October

Final Harvest Collection

20th October

Individual School Photos

24th October

School breaks up for half term holidays.

3rd November

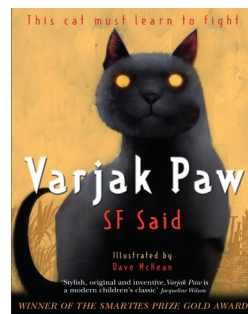
Return to school

11th November

Parents' evening 3:45-6:15

13th November

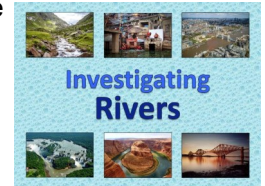
Parents' evening 4:30-7:00





curriculum

In **Geography** the children will be looking at rivers and how they are formed. We will also be looking at the water cycle, the course of a river and the physical features it creates, as well as, investigating pollution and how this can affect people and wildlife.



In **D&T**, we will be focussing on bridges. Here the children will be investigating bridge structures and understanding how they are structured. In small groups, they will be designing, planning and building a mini bridge which supports the weight of a small toy car.

Our **Science** unit this half term will be looking at Earth and Space. Here the children will understand ancient beliefs of the Earth, Sun and Moon and how science has advanced our understanding. Children will complete investigations into shadows and understand why we have day and night. We will also be looking at the relationship of other planets in our solar system.



In **French** we will be recapping key conversation skills. The children will use role play, games, songs and rhymes to build their confidence in introducing themselves with some key

information.

In **RE** the children will be looking at Genesis and understanding its meaning. They will look at scientific accounts for 'creation' and will discuss whether it is complimentary or conflicting. Our **school value** for this half term is thankfulness.

PE will take place every week with an indoor and, where possible, outdoor session. Our indoor sessions will focus on golf. Our outdoor sessions will be tag rugby based, with a focus on developing evasion and tagging, passing and receiving and attacking and defending skills.

Our **PSHE** topic this half term will be 'Being me in my world.' This unit specifically looks at our school's positive behaviour policy which will incorporate rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences. We will also be exploring the Zones of Regulation and learning how to better identify how we feel and how our feelings and behaviour can impact on others.

Growing Gains

We are still looking forward to Year 5 having fortnightly growing gains sessions—the children tend to the school allotment, learn about growing and maintaining a garden and discover the journey of food from farm to fork. We are delighted to welcome Ms. Sheppard for these sessions, taking over from our former long-term gardening teacher who recently retired. Growing gains will take place on a Thursday and will occur fortnightly. Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes and/or wellies if appropriate to keep their uniforms clean and tidy.

ANYTHING ELSE?

Many thanks to those who have sent in PE kits. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for indoor and outdoor PE lessons.

Please have a look at home for any remaining school reading or library books that could be returned.

A gentle reminder that children are welcome to bring water bottles to school but these should only be filled with water. Any filled with juice or squash will be emptied and refilled with water.

We look forward to speaking to you during parents' evening which will be in half term 2 but, if there are any questions beforehand, please feel free to contact us either by phone or in person.

Year 5 Team – Mr Stonehall (Year Leader), Mrs Robinson, Mrs Stirzaker, Mrs Camwell, Ms White, Mrs Jones and Mr Cook.