



Year 5 News

Autumn 1 2026



Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are ready for the new school year ahead. We have a busy half term and lots to fit in!

Maths



During the autumn term, our main focus is going to be on place value, which will include some practical lessons. Please can you support your child to learn their times tables off by heart as this is really important in Year 5. As always, we encourage the children to practise their times tables at home on TTRS. Both passwords will be in their homework diaries. With Mrs Chittenden, we will be learning about perimeter and area!

PE



All children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE days. P.E kits should consist of black or grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a white T-shirt. **Children should wear school jumpers as normal. Children should also wear normal school shoes and should have plimsolls or trainers to change into before the lesson.**

Please remember that no earrings, or any piece of jewellery, are allowed to be worn during PE lessons. Also, please ensure your child's hair is tied back. Our PE days for this half-term are:

Tuesdays: Indoor PE (Gymnastics)

Wednesdays: Outdoor PE (Orienteering)

Reading



Reading is a vital skill that supports all areas of children's learning. It is important that children are reading regularly to adults at home and having their homework diary signed to complete the reading challenge - earning a free book from Mrs Dainty in doing so. There are also lots of opportunities to earn rewards for hitting their Accelerated Reading targets of an 85% quiz average and an average reading time of 25 minutes per day. In addition to this, children should be accessing Reading Plus once or twice a week at home to aid their reading fluency.

English

To begin with, in our daily English lessons, we will be writing a setting description based on the rainforests of South America. We will then be closely linking the story, "The Day the Crayons Quit," to our writing - a formal letter from the perspective of Duncan.

Spelling

We will be focusing on a different spelling rule each week. The children will be taught the rule on Mondays, and complete activities each day within our English lessons. There will be no weekly spelling tests. Children have access to Spelling Shed games using the username and password in their reading records.

Topic

Our Challenge Curriculum topic this half term is 'What are the main features of South America and Brazil in particular?' The children will learn about a range of South American countries, their physical and human features and looking the street children on Brazil!



Science

In Science, our learning question is 'Which materials can or cannot be changed back to their original form?' The children will be learning about different materials and their properties, as well as planning and doing lots of experiments to find out about reversible and irreversible changes and the process of dissolving.

Homework

Homework is separated into must do/optional tasks to help parents/carers/children fit this into their busy schedules. Must do tasks: weekly TTRS, Reading Plus and reading to an adult. Optional tasks: Nandos homework (this can be found on the Y5 page of the school website or your child can ask for a copy).

Diary Dates

18.9.26: Brazil WOW Day

5.10.26: Hello Yellow Day

Phew! What a busy half term! We are looking forward to meeting you and look forward to the year ahead.

Mr Welbourne and Mr Constantinou