Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. It has been wonderful to welcome your children back into school and we were so pleased with how well the children settled into their new classes last half term. Mrs O'Dea, Mrs Fielding, Mr Slater and Mr Walton are all looking forward to the next half term ahead and we have lots of exciting things planned!

Maths

We will be starting this half term by building on the children's knowledge of fractions. We will be going back over previous knowledge of adding and subtracting fractions and finding equivalent fractions. The pupils will then be developing their knowledge by learning how to add fraction with different denominators and how they can use their multiplication skills to find equivalent fractions.

English

This half term the pupils will be studying the book 'Wonder by R.J. Palacio. This book will allow the children to consider people's differences and the importance of kindness. We will be using this book to create diary entries and to learn how to embed dialogue in our writing.

DT

This half term the children will have the opportunity to design and make their own pizza. They will do this through the process of evaluating toppings for pizza that are already on the market, designing their own pizza and finally making the product.



Science

In this topic, we will be learning about different forces. The children will use investigative skills to conduct experiments around the different forces and will spend some time learning about each force independently.

History

In History this half term, the children will be learning about Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. They will be looking at chronology and sources in the context of Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions. We will also be looking at similarities and differences to today's world.

PE/PSHE

In PE the children will be working on the Inspire, Create, Perform topic. We will be working on our team-building skills.
In PSHE, we will be looking at how to help with our mental and emotional wellbeing.

Music/RE

In Music, we will follow a Charanga unit to learn how to 'Sing and Play in Different Styles'. We will be learning about different religious codes for living in RE.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Through our history work, we will be looking at how the past has shaped modern Britain.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

The pupils will be creating a product design for a pizza. They will be evaluating products already on the market and using those skills to help create the bestselling product

Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about how it is 'good to be me.' Alongside this, our Restorative Circle sessions mean mental well-being is one of our main priorities.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will use scientific enquiry to answer questions about forces and how different forces have an effect on people and the world around them.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE is on a **Wednesday and Friday** for all Year 5 classes. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit (plain white t-shirt, plain black leggings, joggers or shorts and a plain black hoodie).
- Please send your child with a named water bottle every day.
- Please continue to support your child by reading with them at home and logging it on BoomReader.
- Your child will read with an adult in school on a 1:1 basis so please ensure that their book bag is in school **every day**. This book will then be sent home to complete or to be re-read and will be at your child's reading level.
- Homework and spellings will be sent home **every Friday**. Homework is expected to be back in school the **following Friday. Spelling tests** will be on a **Friday**, please support and encourage your child to practice their spellings during the week.
- **Friday 11th December** will be Christmas craft afternoon. **One** parent is welcome to come into school to take part in the activities with their children.
- **School will close for the Christmas break on Friday 18th December 2026 and re-open on Monday 4th January 2027**

Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to the exciting term ahead!