

Class 5 – January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for the kind and thoughtful presents and Christmas messages we received from you at the end of last term.

This term we are looking forward to hosting an Ancient Greek day for the children on Wednesday 11th March. The day will be held in school and the children will complete some fun, practical activities to bring their learning of the topic to a close. Last year we invited the children to dress up, however, this is not compulsory. Year 6 families may have costumes you can borrow.

Pencil cases As we start a new term, please ensure that the children have all the necessary equipment to support their learning.

To clarify, each clear pencil case should include **a glue stick, pencil, pen, 30cm ruler, scissors, pencil sharpener, coloured pencils, whiteboard pen and a rubber.**

Literacy

Creating a persuasive advertising brochure for a holiday in Greece (1st Half Term)

Writing a story based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (2nd Half Term)

Grammar sessions will be taught separately on a Monday afternoon.

There will be a separate reading focus session each week based on the text 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'

Our class novel for this term will be Land of Roar.

We will also read weekly with Snowy Owls reading buddies.

Spelling and Grammar

As during the Autumn Term, we will practise the statutory spelling word patterns for Y5. Please continue to support us by practising spellings with your child at least three times each week and ensure that they are copying the spelling words correctly when they write their sentences.

These words will be handed out every Tuesday and tested the following Monday.

Reading

We are encouraging the children to read three times a week; this can be a magazine, online articles or quality reading books (as this impacts hugely on their writing ability).

Please make sure that you continue to sign your child's Homework Diary ready to hand in at the start of Wednesday morning.

The whole school class reading challenge continues, with a prize of extra play for the class with the highest % of children reading 3 times or more in a week.

Maths

Formal methods for long multiplication and division

Applying above knowledge to word problems

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

Times tables will be tested regularly on Fridays

PE

PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday, however, we suggest PE kits are left in school for the week.

Home learning

- There will be a written English or Maths task each week. Some English tasks will be set from CGP Comprehension Targeted question book and Mathletics (alternate weeks). The children are expected to spend at least 35 minutes on each piece of homework.
- Times tables: there will be a test each Friday on a specific times table which will be learnt in the following order 2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11.
- Homework diaries: **Please would you sign these each week, ready for Miss McCluskey to check on Wednesday morning.**
- Please encourage your child to take responsibility for completing and *handing in* home learning. Please remind your child to check their home learning for spelling and punctuation errors.

Home learning timetable

Subject	Day set	Day due <i>in</i>	Time
English	Thursday	Following Weds	35 mins
Maths	Thursday	Following Weds	35 mins
Spelling	Tuesday	Test the following Tuesday	Practise 3x each week. Children should be writing the spelling word in the context of a sentence.
Reading	Weds	Weds	Read three times each week – please record what has been read in the homework diaries and sign it. HPs will be awarded.
Sign Homework diaries	Please sign at the end of each week		3 House Points awarded for completed and signed Homework diary

As always, children should be practising their **times tables** which really does help them in many aspects of number and we would appreciate your continued support with practising them at home. The children have a login to the Time Tables Rockstars website that is proven to greatly help children learn their times tables. Please encourage them to use this as often as possible (little and often).

The rest of the curriculum at a glance:

Science	Forces
RE	What does it mean to live a good life? What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?
Computing	Programming
French	My Home and Habitats
Art	Creating a Greek Vase Sewing a money container
PE	Gymnastics Basketball Football Net Games
PSHE	Dreams & Goals; Healthy Me
Music	Recorder, Make you feel my love, Echoes songs

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at Parents Evening on the 11th or 12th March.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you do have any queries or concerns. You are also very welcome to send a message via the homework diaries – though please ask your child to tell us that a specific message has been written as these are only formally checked on Wednesday of each week.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this year. Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Allen, Miss McCluskey, Mrs Russell, Mrs Meirion-Jones