



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in the second half of Spring Term in Year 5! The children have worked incredibly hard and we can't believe how much progress they have made already. Let's make this next half term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell what your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

English 	We will be writing a range of poems linked to the book, Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman. The children will be rewriting the end of the narrative. We will then be writing a biography based on a survival story.
Reading 	In Reading, we are focussing on the skills of retrieve, define, infer and summarise. We will be exploring a range of texts linked to our writing genres.
Maths 	This half term, we will be learning about decimals and percentages, area and perimeter, and statistics.
Science 	Our focus this half term is Biology. We will be learning about human development and the different stages of the human life cycle.
Geography 	In Geography, we will be learning about the water cycle and the distribution of the world's water. We will also be learning about the land use around rivers in North America.
DT 	In DT, we will be learning how to make sustainable food packaging.
Computing 	In Computing, our focus will be programming. The children will be using Scratch to learn about selection in quizzes.
Music 	We will listen to and appreciate music, sing collectively, and improvise using instruments.
RE 	This half term, our focus is Christianity. We will be learning about how events in history shaped Christian diversity.
PSHE 	Our focus this half term is healthy lifestyles. We will be learning about how we can stop the spread of infection, and why it is important to have a balanced diet.
PE 	We will be focusing on team building, problem solving, and athletics.



Spanish	In Spanish, we will be learning how to say what we, and others, have.
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PE: Tuesday

Children should come to school in their PE kits on the day of their PE lesson.

- Please ensure that all parents/ carers have access to Dojo as this is an essential way to communicate. Let the class teacher know if you have any problems connecting.

Homework

- Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it on Learning with Parents. Please upload pictures and audios of your child reading. Not only does it give them pride in sharing, it also develops their fluency – a key skill in becoming an expert reader.
- Times tables should be practiced regularly on Times Table Rock Stars. Knowing the multiplication tables and being able to recall these facts quickly is a key skill that can be applied across multiple areas of the maths curriculum!

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 team