

Year 5

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Year 5 families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are as excited as we are for the new school year. Your children have entered Upper Key-Stage 2, an important time for them to shine as role models for their peers. I am **incredibly** excited to have the opportunity to teach them for a second time and we can't wait to see what they're all ready to achieve this year!

Discover Project

We are thrilled to kick off our year with our **Discover Project**, which will focus on history. This half-term, our big question will be, "**What does it take to conquer?**". Children will build on their knowledge of the Romans from Year 4 and explore how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invaded Britain.



After half-term, our focus will shift to "**How has mining shaped our local area?**" where we will explore coal-mining in Nottinghamshire. Children will investigate what life was like for young workers in coal mines during the Victorian era, exploring the harsh conditions they endured, the dangers they faced, and the impact this work had on their daily lives and future opportunities.

English

To support their learning in history, the class will explore the texts "**Beowulf**" (by Micheal Morpurgo) and "**Street Child**" (by Berlie Doherty). Through Beowulf, the children will delve into the world of Anglo-Saxon myths and legends, while Street Child will help them to understand the experiences of children during the Victorian era, a period when poverty, child labour, and harsh workhouse conditions were common. These stories will not only enhance their historical knowledge but also provide opportunities to practise key writing skills such as dialogue, setting description, and persuasive language.



Spellings

Each half term, we will share some examples of words that you could use to support your children at home. These are not to be learnt for a spelling test as such, but to embed our learning in class. Please encourage your children to practise these words at home. If they need an extra challenge, they could practise writing them in a sentence or hunt for other words with the same spelling rule – they could even set up their own spelling journal to use at home! All of these spellings will be available on the Y5 class page.

PE

PE this term will take place with Mr Martin on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days and that they tie back long hair and refrain from wearing jewellery.



Other Curriculum Areas

- **Maths:** Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics, Multiplication and Division, Perimeter and Area
- **Science:** Forces (gravity, air resistance, water resistance, and friction) followed by Earth and Space
- **DT:** Textiles
- **Computing:** Coding
- **Music:** Melody and harmony
- **Art:** Drawing skills (depth, emotion, and movement)
- **French (Mrs Smith):** Numbers, calendars, and birthdays
- **RE (Mrs Durham):** Understanding how beliefs impact lives
- **RSHE:** Please [click this link](#) to find out which 'Talking Points' texts we will be covering this year.

Year 5 Residential

Year 5 will embark on their first overnight residential to Castleton for an overnight stay on **Thurs 20th Nov - Fri 21st Nov**. We will share more information at next week's Year 5 Parent Information Meeting, so we hope to see you there!

Homework

Homework is as follows:

- Reading – We encourage your children to read at home daily to develop their love of reading . Make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading.
- Spellings – Practise the spelling lists each week
- Sticky questions – to be discussed every Wednesday in class
- [TT Rock Stars](#) – Although the children have now completed their multiplication check, regular times table practice is encouraged using TTRS
- Aim High Homework – Watch out for more information about this creative homework opportunity coming later in the term!

Home Time

Let us know if you have made any alternative arrangements for your child to be collected (e.g. walking home, being collected by a different parent or attending after-school club). To ensure the children's safety, we will not let children leave unless we have been notified by parents beforehand. You can do this by emailing or calling the school office or by letting us know at the start of the school day.

Enrichment

To provide a range of enrichment activities, we would greatly appreciate parent donations to our enrichment fund. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per term (or £6 for the year). Donations can be made via the school gateway. We thank you in advance for your support.

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help with any of the topics above? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a history-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us...please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

We look forward to a very exciting first term with Year 5! Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

YEAR 5 TEAM