

Year 5 Newsletter

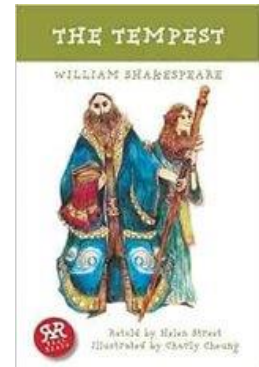
Autumn Term 1 2023-24



Welcome back to school and to year 5!

Whole School Project- The Tempest

Our whole school project is based on William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. This classic romantic comedy tells the story of the wizard Prospero, who conjures a storm to drive a ship to the island he lives on in order to undo the events of his past. The play contains themes of empathy, freedom, forgiveness and love, and the children will be producing several writing outcomes related to it. In year 5, these will include a setting description, a character description and a letter from one of the characters on the island.



Uniform

Please **label all items** of clothing with your child's name to enable us to return lost property to the correct child. Children should be wearing a **school logo jumper**.

Mobile phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These must be handed into the child's class teacher every morning. They will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the school values of **responsibility** and **respect** through collective worship and in our PSHE lessons.

Fruit

Children can bring in a piece of fruit to eat during break time. Please note that children should only be bringing water to drink during play and lunch times.

Home Learning

Your child must read at home each night to make good progress. Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. This can be based on the language that the author uses, predictions /inferences that can be made from the text and by also encouraging the children to write down any words that they may not understand. We have our own 'Word of the day display in our classroom, and we are always keen to share new vocabulary with the class.

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times tables challenges. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Friday. It is vital that homework and reading is taken seriously, particularly as the pupils are now becoming independent learners and this is good practice to prepare them for year 6. Pupils are expected to read every day and record their progress in their home learning journals. Parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked weekly.

Foundation topics

In our science lessons this term, our topic is Forces. Children will be taught about gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, carrying out investigations to explore the ways these forces behave. In History, we will be learning about the Golden Age of Islam and the most significant achievements of the Islamic Empire. Our R.E. topic is Christians Festivals, and in PSHE we will be exploring the concepts of identity and individuality.

School timings

Classrooms are open from 8.40am to begin some early morning learning. Please ensure your child is in school by 9.00 am every day, ready for learning. Please note that if your child arrives after 9.05 am, they will have to be brought to the main office to sign in.

Physical education

This half term, 5TS will have their P.E. lessons on Tuesdays and 5SA will have their lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays. Both classes lessons will cover a variety of games and team building exercises. On the day of their P.E. lessons, children can wear their P.E. kits for the duration of the day.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive welcome to everyone in 5TS and 5SA. We look forward to a wonderful year. Mr. Savage and Ms. Ashdown.