

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024-2025



Well done to all the pupils for a very enjoyable 1st half term!

Inspiring Writing

In reading and in writing, children will be exposed to different genres to inspire various writing outcomes. Taking inspiration from our class text

The Explorer and our South

America topic, we will be writing jungle survival guides. We will then explore the **horror** genre, before going on to study Shakespeare's **Macbeth**.



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 and **black shoes** or trainers. Please remember that **earrings are not permitted** at school. Children wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them.

Home Learning

Your child must read at home, each night wherever possible, in order to make good progress. Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. Parents /carers are asked to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked in school regularly.

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings alongside additional maths tasks. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Friday.

Physical Education

P.E. days will remain the same as last half term:

5SA – Monday and Wednesday

5DM – Wednesday and Friday

5FB – Tuesday and Friday

Children can wear a PE kit for the duration of the day when they have a PE lesson. As the weather is now starting to become colder the pupils are expected to bring in warmer, suitable clothing to stay warm. The units are **orienteeing and football**.

Mobile phones

If travelling independently into school, children are allowed to bring a mobile phone. 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.

Foundation topics

In our **science** lessons this term, our topic is Earth and Space. Children will be taught the planets in our solar system and how the orbit and rotation of the Earth and the Moon give us seasons and day and night. In **geography**, we will be learning about the physical properties of South America. Our **R.E.** topic is Christians Festivals, and in **PSHE** we will be exploring living in the wider world, discussing future job / career prospects, and learning how to handle and budget money.

Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the value of **peace**. We explore our values in depth through assemblies, PSHE lessons and across the wider curriculum. We will also be exploring the theme of **tolerance**.

Key dates this term

- 5FB sharing assembly – Friday 15th November.
- Odd Socks Day – Friday 15th November
- Whole school photos – Thursday 21st November
- Book Fair in school hall – Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th November
- International Evening – Wednesday 27th November
- UKS2 Christmas Concert – Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th December

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.

The children have worked extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum. In particular, the children should be very proud of the 'The Last Zookeeper' display which presents an array of outstanding pieces of learning. The school was particularly impressed with the range of outstanding writing outcomes produced which included a narrative and a poem. Once again, a wonderful start to the year and let's hope that this continues as we move towards Christmas!

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