Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2026-2027

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

The children have worked extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum. In particular, the children should be very proud of our Greenwich 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, two diary entries and a poem. Once again, a wonderful start to the year and let's hope that this continues as we move towards Christmas!

Miss Finlay, Ms. Ashdown and Mr Ryan

Inspiring Writing

In reading and in writing, children will be exposed to different genres to inspire various writing outcomes. Taking inspiration from our Science Topic of Earth and Space, we will be writing **news reports** on the moon landing. We will also explore the **an action** narrative based upon 'The Explorer' and create a **playscript.**



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 should read at home each night wherever possible, 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 – Changes from last term are in bold:
5SA – Monday and Tuesday
5CR – Monday and Wednesday
5SF – Monday and Thursday
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 **orienteering and flight (gymnastics)**.

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.

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

- Sharing Assemblies
  - 5SA: Friday 13th November
  - 5CR: Friday 20th November
  - 5SF: Friday 27th November
- Whole school photos – Thursday 19th November
- Book Fair in school hall – Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November
- UKS2 Christmas Concert – Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December

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.

Fruit and water bottles

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