



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024/25



Dear Parents and Carers – welcome to year 5! We hope that you all have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break.

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

| The Year 5 Team: | |
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| 5FM | Fiona Mac Donald & Rufus Eyre-Varnier |
| 5OF | Oliver Finegold |
| 5RS | Rebecca Steel |

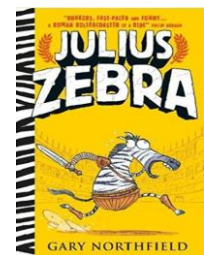
History / Geography - Our topic this half term is 'The UK'

We will be learning about the countries which make up the UK – its physical and human geography, the counties, cities and places of outstanding natural beauty of the four nations.



You will also be receiving this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email. Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page. A paper version will be handed out, along with a homework book, to your child by their class teacher.

English - This half term, we will be focusing on narrative writing, including effective dialogue, 1st and 3rd person recounts and poetry.



Our class text will be: Julius Zebra

Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Maths - This half term we will be looking at: mental strategies to embed multiplication facts, place value, the four operations' formal written methods, and applying these written methods to word problems and reasoning.

You can support your child at home by making sure they complete the rocket homework given out every Friday, times table recall practise.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>



Science - This half term, we will be learning about Materials and their Properties.



From Monday the 23rd of September, we have been invited to Alleyn's Senior School to use their science labs and be taught by their year 12 science students and teachers for 4 weekly sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to access and experience secondary school science labs and equipment.

Please note: On the weeks that we are at Alleyn's on a Monday, we maybe be slightly late back to school (3.35/40pm)– please be aware of this if you are collecting your children on these days.

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R.E – This half term we will be exploring our Year 5 RE Big Question- 'How do beliefs influence action' by asking - What do major world religions believe about God?
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P.E – This term we will have two outdoor sessions focusing on Invasion Games.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black or grey if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

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| 5FM | Thursday | Friday |
| 5OF | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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PSHE - This half term, we will be looking at Friendships, Healthy Relationships and Role Models
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Music - This half term, we will be practising for The Young Voices Concert -which will take place on the 3.2.25 at the O2 Arena – more information to follow- please encourage your child to learn the songs. Details of where to access them will be given.



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Computing - This half term, we are developing the children's understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices.

On behalf of the year 5 team, we look forward to an exciting year
Thank you for your support.

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>