



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/27



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:	
5PB	Patrick
5FD	Florence and Teshie
5RS	Rebecca and Lordina

28.9.25 -13.10.25 – Monday P.M Alleyn's Science Sessions.

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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. If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

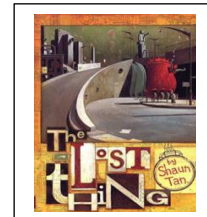
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English - This half term, we will be focusing on narrative writing using a range of strategies to make our sentences more complex and to keep the story flowing. We will also look at effective speech and description of character and place.

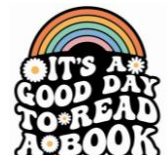
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Our class text will be: The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan



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.



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Maths - This half term we will be looking at: mental strategies to embed multiplication facts, place value, the four operations formal methods - 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.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - This half term, we will be learning about Materials and their Properties. From Monday the 28th of September until the 19th of October 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 sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to access and experience secondary school science labs and equipment. We will be leaving school at 2p.m however it may mean that we will be slightly late back on Mondays 3.35/40p.m – please be aware of this if you are collecting your children on these days.



R.E – This half term we will begin exploring our Year 5 RE Big Question *How do beliefs influence action?* by asking *What do major world religions believe about God?*

P.E – This term we will be practising invasion games – netball/handball moving on to hockey later in the term- both sessions are outdoors. Please remember to wear trainers on PE days.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black 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. **Children must bring a clean school t-shirt to school to change into after P.E.**

5PB	Wednesday	Thursday
5RS	Tuesday	Wednesday
5FD	Tuesday	Friday

PSHE - This half term, we will be looking at Friendships, Healthy Relationships and Role Models

Music - This half term, we will be practising for the Young Voices concert which will take place at the O2 Arena (date in January TBC– more information to follow) please encourage your child to learn the songs, details of where to access them will be given. Our music lessons with Duncan are on Monday morning.



Computing - This half term, we will focus on programming using code – to make various conditions apply to a 'Crumble Kit'.

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