

YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1



Topic- Our Geography topic for this term is The UK and our enquiry question will be "What makes Britain great?". We will be exploring the geographical features of the UK, the Jurassic coast, using grid references on maps and also the art of Patrick Caulfield.



English - In English, we will be developing our writing skills through looking at the text *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. The children will be exploring writing in different genres including diary entries, narratives and advertisements. We will also be focusing on this text in our guided reading lessons.



Maths- Our focus this half term will be place value to 1,000,000. We will be using our skills in exchanging through practical and written methods. We will also consolidate our understanding of Roman Numerals and work on addition and subtraction on numbers over 4 digits. We will continue to improve our maths skills by working on reasoning and problem-solving questions.

Times Tables - Children in Year 5 are expected to know their 1-12 times tables and to be fluent in doing so. We would therefore encourage you to do as much practice as you can with times tables at home. Times Tables Rockstars is a great programme to help with this - please use it regularly.



Science- In Science, our chemistry topic will be Properties and Changes of Materials. We will learn through practical scientific methods, processes and skills by exploring thermal properties, the reversible changes of materials and the relationship between structure and function.

PE- We will be **swimming** this half term - **STARTING ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPT 2026.**

5CS and 5MJ will both have swimming on **Wednesday mornings.**

Please make sure your child has their Swimming/PE kit on the correct day.

We are looking forward to a great half term ahead.

Thank you!
Carolina and Max