



# Year 5 Newsletter 2025-26

## A Warm welcome from the whole Year 5 team!

Welcome to all families of Year 5. We are looking forward to a year of developing as reflective, visible learners and having lots of fun along the way!

### Year 5 Team:

5H Dr Torres

5F Miss Odogwu

5P Miss Abed (Year Leader)

5S Mr Elliott-Rey

HLTA Mrs Murphy (Pupil Premium and support across the whole of Year 5 and 6).

### Learning Support Assistants:

The Assistant Head for Upper Phase is Mr Thomas if you have any questions or need to speak to a member of staff, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. All staff can be contacted through emailing the school office.

### Values Based Education

Our four core values are: Respect, Resilience, Empathy and Reflection. During September, we will be focusing on the value of respect before moving onto looking at resilience in October, Empathy in November and Reflection in December. It is an expectation that by the end of Year 5, pupils will have achieved their Silver Baccalaureate for demonstrating how they have used the four core values across the school, home and local and wider community.

### Learning Challenge Curriculum

Year 5's first Autumn Learning Challenge Driver is: **Anglo-Saxons and Vikings- Conquerors or Settlers?** Throughout the year, details of our learning challenges can be found on the school website:

[Fielding Learning Challenge Curriculum](#)

### Dates for Your Diary

Parent consultation meetings will be face-to-face in classrooms and will take place between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September & Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7:40-8:30am & 3:40-7:10pm. Booking is available on MCAS. All other diary dates can now be found on the school calendar.

### School Trips

School trips will be published on the school noticeboard. Our first trip will be to the Science Museum on 21<sup>st</sup> October for classes H and F, followed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> October for P and S classes. This trip is linked to our Science Learning Challenge, 'How can we measure forces?' Please see letter posted on the notice board for more details.

### Gardening and Cooking

Year 5 will be taking part in termly Gardening and Cooking sessions. We would appreciate if you could contribute £13 annually. On G&C days, children will need to wear their own clothes (appropriate for gardening).

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 5H
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 5F
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 5P
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 5S

### Uniform

In Year 5 we expect to maintain a high level of uniform standards. We have weekly PE sessions on a Wednesday morning and children should come in their 'PE uniform'. Please click on the link below for guidance.

[Uniform](#)

### Home Learning

Children will continue to learn spellings using the Read Write Inc spelling programme over a 2 week cycle in Year 5. Children will write their words in their reading records to practise at home and teachers will update the words every two weeks on the year group noticeboard.

- Times Tables Rockstars should be used to develop dexterity with mathematics. Online games last either 1, 2 or 3 minutes and it is an expectation that children practise 4 times a week for 10-15 minutes.
- Alongside this, we will be practising times tables at school 4 times a week.

- To support the development of grammar and maths skills, all pupils this year will be given a username and password for 'Century', a home learning website. This will be used as weekly maths and grammar homework and will be checked weekly by the class teacher on Wednesdays.

### Whole class guided reading

- Our first whole class text will be: [The 1000 year old boy by Ross Welford](#), alongside a range of extracts from different genres. Where possible children should have their own personal copy of The 1000 year old boy, which may be second hand. Pupils with a Pupil Premium Passport will be provided with one from school.

### Reading Records

- Children will be coming home with reading books and a new Fielding Reading Record. Children should read to an adult daily, the adult should sign the reading record to say this has been completed and add a comment if necessary. The teacher will take the record in once a week to check and sign. These should be brought into school daily. You can find the Year 5 recommended reading list in the reading record. Your child can receive a bronze, silver, gold or Platinum certificate for reading 5, 10, 15 or 25 books from this list and completing a reading response activity (these can be found on the Year 5 page on the website).
- Children will also be required to borrow two school reading books (including one from the recommended reading list) and these must be returned once completed. In addition, teachers will be reading to the class during 'story time' every day throughout the year. The books will either be the current books from English lessons or from the recommended reading list.

### Snack boxes and water

- Please ensure that your child has a healthy snack for morning break.
- Lunch is not until 12.20pm so they will need a snack to keep them going.
- No biscuits/cake bars or pastries please. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

### School dinners

- Please see our school dinners section of the website for details:
- [School Dinners](#)

### Personal belongings

- We ask that children do not bring expensive personal items into school.
- Lockers and trays are provided for pencil cases and other bags. Please ensure that bags fit into lockers, musical instruments can be kept in the teacher's cupboard.
- **No mobile phones.** We strongly recommend that children do not bring mobile devices to school. If a phone is essential for communication before or after school, only basic 'brick' phones with call and text functions are permitted. Devices must be kept in pupils' bags or lockers and must remain silent and out of sight. Any phone seen or heard will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the following school day. Repeat breaches will result in longer confiscation periods. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to devices brought on site.

### Volunteering in School

- We welcome parents who would like to volunteer in school, particularly to support teachers during Cooking and Gardening lessons and listen to pupils read.

[Please click here for further information](#)

### Finally,

- We are looking forward to a happy and successful year. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or queries, do not hesitate to email your class teacher (through the office) or arrange an appointment to see them before or after school.

- Mrs Murphy's homework club as well as most other interventions will be contacted in the same way.

Warm wishes,  
Year 5 Team