

Sherwood Primary School

Y5 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to Year 5 for the Spring term. We hope you all had a restful and relaxing Christmas break. We are now ready to get going with another fun and action packed half term.

This half term, PE lessons will take place on Mondays with swimming for some children, so the children should come into school in their school tracksuits with their shorts and t-shirt beneath, and their swimming kit if required.

We are also looking forward to our trip to Catalyst Science and Discovery Centre, which will be on Wednesday 11th February (more details to follow).

We continue to access the Year 5 email so please don't hesitate in contacting us with any questions or similarly speak to us in the playground.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team.

THIS TERM WE ARE READING

During this half term we will be immersing the children in the Science Fiction genre. This will be concluded with the children writing a Science Fiction story linked to the text *Aquila* by Andrew Norris.

Please ensure that your child continues to be encouraged to read each evening. The children still need to read to an adult to help with comprehension skills but can also read independently to broaden their vocabulary.

We will continue to model reading on the website, so use this to support your intonation and expression.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

Tower Wood meeting – more details to follow.

Trip to Catalyst Science and Discovery Centre.

DT Day – your child will create a moving toy using wheels and axles.

National Year of Reading activities.

OUR CURRICULUM

It is an action-packed term of learning in Y5. For our full Y5 curriculum documentation, please visit [our website](#) (Curriculum – Sherwood Curriculum). This provides an overview of key learning across the Curriculum.

VOCABULARY TO LEARN AT HOME

Knowledge of these words are essential for learning this term. Please share and discuss together at home:

Solar system, planets, stars, gravity, orbit, sphere, population, trade, import, export, finance.

READING

This year is the **National Year of Reading**, where reading for pleasure will be celebrated across the country. To support with this initiative, we will be planning a range of exciting activities linked to reading. Please support this by reading together at home with your child books that they enjoy and that focus on their interests. It could be fiction, non-fiction, magazines, or even recipes! We would love to see in their diaries what they have been reading at home – it does not always need to be their school reading book. Reading book pages read and a list of any new vocabulary that you have discussed, should be recorded in the homework diary and initialled each night by a parent.

Diaries will be collected in and signed on a Friday. Thank you!

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set every Friday through our Y5 Class Page on the Website. Homework is to be handed in the following Wednesday; please encourage your child to organise their time effectively.

Weekly homework may include:

- Daily reading;
- Spelling investigations including Spelling Frame;
- Grammar and handwriting tasks;
- Maths activities including the CGP book;
- Activities related to our current topic.

Please make sure that your child completes their homework, in pencil, to a high standard – with a focus on clear presentation and detail. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our Y5 team if your child requires additional support with homework.