

Y5 Spring Newsletter



Welcome

A belated Happy New Year and welcome back Y5s! We hope you all had a nice break over the holidays and are ready for another full packed term.

We have a range of fantastic topics this term such as textiles, Ancient Maya and working on Audacity.

Y5 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y5L	Ms Lythall	Miss McLelland
Y5CB	Mrs Conroy (Mon & Tues) Mrs Beasley (Weds-Fri)	Mr Kemp Miss Jabbar Miss Francis
Y5P	Miss Pearson	Ms Bennett Miss Jabbar Miss McLelland Ms Myers

Spring Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 5 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Spring 1

English	Kaspar – Newspaper Article
Whole Class Reading	Fiction – Oranges in No Man's Land
Maths	Negative numbers Short Multiplications and Short Division
Times tables focus	Mixed to 12 x 12
Science	Earth and Space
History or Geography (we rotate units termly)	History - Ancient Maya
Art or DT (we rotate units termly)	Art – Photography
Computing	Audacity – radio adverts
Personal Development	Growing Up
Music	Timbre and Tonality
RE	What does it mean to be a muslim in Britain Today?
French	Animals
PE – Games	Athletics
PE – gymnastics or dance	Gymnastics - balance

Spring 2

English	Children of the Benin Kingdom
Whole Class Reading	Fiction – Oranges in No Man's Land and TBC.
Maths	Fractions
Times tables focus	Mixed to 12 x 12
Science	Living things and their habitats
History or Geography (we rotate units termly)	Geography – The Americas
Art or DT (we rotate units termly)	Mechanical Systems
Computing	Programming
Personal Development	
Music	Notations – Glockenspiels
RE	Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?
PE – Games	Athletics
PE – gymnastics or dance	Samba dance
French	In my Town

Assessments this term: Week of **23rd March** 2026. This process will inform class teachers of any gaps, allowing us to plan relevant lessons and interventions.

Y5 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
5.1.26	School reopens
10.2.26	Young Voices
13.2.26	Break up and dress down day
23.2.26	Return to school
5.3.26	World Book Day
9.3.26-27.3.26	Bikeability
24/25.3.26	Parents evening
27.3.26	Break up for Easter Holidays and Dress Down Day

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be posted onto Class Dojo every Friday. Homework does not need to exceed 50 minutes. If in doubt, please focus on learning the spellings and reading at home. The homework books can be additional after that and the pages given are a guide to support work done in class or to recap previous learning.

Home learning booklets should be in school by Thursday as the latest.

Y5 will continue to have their spelling tests on Thursday/Friday.

PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternate **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**.

During this time, your child will be taught P.E, Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Mr Ross – P.E

Mrs Dawson – Music

Mrs Cooper– R.E

P.E Days

Class	PE Days
Y5L	Tuesday
Y5P	Monday/Wednesday
Y5CB	Tuesday

Notices

- Bikeability will start on the 9th March and will run for 3 weeks. Further information will be provided closer to the date.
- On those days, please ensure that your child brings or wears (at least) a school jumper/fleece into school so that they are warm enough whilst we are out.

Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers – this term we are going to be doing sewing in D&T so if you would like to come in to help out with our sewing lesson/s, please let us know and we can work out times and dates.

Thank you
The Y5 Team