



Welcome to Year 5!

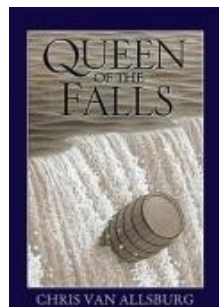
Friday 5th September 2025

Dear parents,

We would like to welcome you to the new school year. We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and that your child has enjoyed their first week back at school. We are greatly looking forward to the year ahead, as we are sure the children are too. If you haven't already, please have a look at our school website and see an overview of this term and links to further websites and resources.

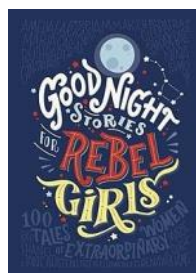
English

Our daily English lessons will be following our 'Pathways to Write' scheme. Children will focus on identifying the audience and purpose of the book, describing settings, characters and atmosphere, and incorporating feeling and opinions into their writing in order to perfect their diary writing skills. It is important for children to develop their ability to write in a range of styles, altering their language use and presentation to suit different types of writing. Our English lessons will reinforce the children's spelling, grammar and punctuation, in addition to promoting reading skills such as drawing inferences and summarising key details through a discussion of the book. We will also recap and reinforce grammar, punctuation and spellings through discrete sessions and applying these skills to written work. During the year, children will undertake assessments in all areas. During the first half-term, our English lesson will focus on 'Queen of the Falls' by Chris Van Allsburg. After this, we will complete English work based on 'The Odyssey'.



Reading skills will be taught through a whole class approach, following the 'Pathways to Read' scheme. In these lessons, we will focus on a text linked to our writing. During the first half term, we will focus on 'Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls' by Eleni Favilli and Francesca Cavallo. During the second half term, the reading focus will be on 'Hansel and Gretel'.

Please do discuss books and reading choices with your child and continue to listen to them reading aloud when possible; this enables them to read at a pace to allow spellings and grammatical structures to be absorbed more readily.



Maths

Our maths lessons, which follow the White Rose Maths Hub structure, will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and fractions. Our maths lessons will aim to improve mental maths, problem solving techniques and our overall subject knowledge.

We will also continue to focus on improving our times tables, as this is a vital skill for all aspects of maths. Times Table Rock Stars is an excellent website for practising times tables, and we encourage children to use this website both in school and at home.

Science

Forces and Properties of Materials are our topics for the first term.

Forces

By the end of this topic, children should be able to: understand the forces of gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance; plan and carry out fair test investigations; understand how to measure force; draw conclusions from experiments.

Materials

By the end of this topic, children should be able to: compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties; identify objects that are good electrical conductors; plan and carry out investigations to discover which materials are good thermal insulators; understand reversible and irreversible changes.

French

During the year, we will be covering and recapping a range of basic French vocabulary (reading and writing), conversation and finding out more about French culture.

History

Our topic for the autumn term is 'Ancient Greece', which will allow children to learn more about life during this period. This will include looking at Greek achievements, the role of women, and how objects and historical sources can be used as evidence to tell us about what daily life was like. This topic will follow an enquiry-based approach, which will serve as an excellent topic for children to carry out historical research into key events during this period.

P.E.

During this term, P.E. will take place on Tuesdays (taught by class teachers) and Thursday afternoons with Mr Thomas. On these days, pupils should come to school wearing their kit (dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and white t-shirt). For most lessons, the children will be outside, so it is important that children have a tracksuit top in case of cold weather. Please ensure earrings are taken out on P.E. days (or, if the ears are newly pierced, children must supply and apply their own medical tape).

Art

We have a new art scheme, which has been developed by Julie Mitchell. This scheme follows the 'Art Tree' and will focus on art, craft and design. We are very excited to share this new scheme with the children. In the case of 'Art Days', a text will be sent to you asking for children to bring in an 'art shirt' to wear.

D.T.

Children will focus on combining different fabric types, frame structures, and celebrating culture and seasonality.

Music

Sing Up – In Music this term, the children will be exploring the song: 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor?' We will study the purpose of sea shanties as work songs before creating rhythm games and a class arrangement using voices and instruments.

P.S.H.E.

This term, our topics are: 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating difference'. We will also be emphasising a Growth Mindset approach to learning, as it is important that children are encouraged to be positive about themselves and their abilities.

Alongside our PSHE lessons, the children will continue to participate in their My Happy Mind sessions. These lessons are extremely important in helping children develop resilience, self-awareness, and strategies for managing emotions.

R.E.

R.E. will focus on Islam. During the first half-term, we will be exploring the five pillars of Islam. After half-term, we will look at Muslim faith expressed through family life.

Computing

This term, pupils will be exploring computing systems and networks. In this unit, learners will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. We will then be looking at creating media - vector drawing. Pupils will learn how to use different drawing tools and see how images are created in layers. Throughout the year pupils will also complete activities on Digital Literacy and Citizenship. We will focus on how to act responsibly and appropriately online whilst also staying safe by ensuring that they have strong and secure passwords for any online accounts.

Homework

Homework will be set via Google Classroom every week for maths, English and spelling, as follows:

Maths and English - Given out Friday and to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spelling - Spellings will be sent out on Friday and tested the following Friday.

Please contact us if you require a reminder of your child's login details.

Uniform

To avoid any lost property, please make sure that all of your child's clothing is marked with your child's name. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform and has the correct P.E. kit for lessons (white t-shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a jumper/sweatshirt). Black footwear should be worn, with Velcro fastening unless pupils are able to tie their own laces or buckle their shoes.

Please ensure that if your child has their ears pierced that these are taken out on P.E. days. If children can't take out their earrings, please can they bring in their own tape to cover their piercings. In addition, we do ask that if your child has long hair that they tie it back for school.

Home Time

With permission, your child is allowed to walk to and from school. If we need to contact you about your child's day at school, we will ring you. Please make sure that the office has your correct contact details and that you inform them about any changes to these details.

Mobile Phones

With permission, your child can bring their mobile phone into school for safety purposes when walking to and from school. Mobile phones will be kept in a basket within the classroom, and they are not to be touched until the end of the school day. Mobile phones must be turned off at all times throughout the school day.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school. This bottle can contain only water (no juice or squash is allowed).

Communication

We hope that you have found this information useful. If you would like to arrange a meeting with one of us and we are unavailable at the time, please don't hesitate to contact the office to arrange a more suitable time. We can also be contacted by using our class email address and we will aim to reply within 48 hours.

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Best wishes,

Mrs Beech and Mr Bell