Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027

Notices and Reminders

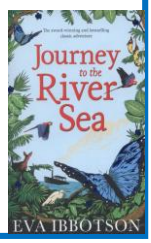
Welcome to Year 5!

Our PE days are: Zebras – **Monday**
Giraffes **- Friday**
Children should come to school in their PE kit.

Homework will focus on reading and times tables. Reading records should be in school every day and will be checked on a Friday.

Reading

This half term, reading lessons will focus on Journey to The River Sea by Eva Ibbotson, a beautifully written adventure story set in the Amazon rainforest. The children will explore themes of courage, friendship, and discovery as they follow Maia's exciting journey to her new life in Brazil. Through this novel, they will develop key reading skills such as inference, vocabulary, and comprehension, while also deepening their understanding of setting and character.



Writing

In their language lessons, the children will continue to practice writing dialogue, focusing on the use of correct speech punctuation. They will also learn how to use adverbs to modify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.

In their composition lessons the children will begin to write their portal story. Following on from this they will write an information text, with the purpose of informing. This piece of writing will be in the form of a newspaper article.



Key dates

Monday 2nd November – School term starts

Wednesday 4th November – Harvest Festival

Friday 13th November – School Disco

Monday 16th November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 27th November – Stay and Read

Friday 4th December - Christmas Jumper Friday (Children may wear a festive jumper instead of their usual school jumper or cardigan)

Saturday 5th December – HLSA Christmas Fair

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Friday

Monday 14th December – Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Friday and Last Day of Term

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be learning how to find and recognise equivalent fractions. They will be converting fractions into mixed numbers, as well as converting mixed numbers into improper factions. They will also compare and order fractions. The children will later move on to adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.



Science

In science the children will be learning about the changes that happen as humans develop to old age. The children will learn about the different stages of human development before researching whether larger animals have longer gestation periods.



History

This half term, the children will be learning how Britain has changed over time – from the Romans building Hadrian's Wall and shaping life in Britain, to the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons and the beginning of new kingdoms.



DT

This half term, the children will be learning about kinetic energy and air resistance. They will then consider these when designing and building their own sling shot cars. Once built, the children will test and evaluate their cars against their original design criteria.



PE

In PE, the children will be developing their dancing skills, specifically looking at street dance. They will be creating, performing and evaluating their own dances in small groups.



Computing

This half term, the children will be learning about podcasts. They will learn about audio, theme tunes, outros, jingles and sound effects. They will learn to record sound effectively with the equipment required to make a 'good' audio recording. The children will edit clips, add music and will eventually create their own podcast recording on a device.





PSHE

This half term, the children will be learning how to respond in medical emergencies. They will find out what to do if someone is choking, having an asthma attack, or an allergic reaction. They will also learn how to spot signs, stay calm, and take safe, practical steps such as calling 999 for emergency help.





French

This half-term, the children will learn how to describe the members of a family, including the words for parents and siblings. They will also build on previous years' knowledge and learn the numbers from 10 to 70.



Suggested books for reading

