

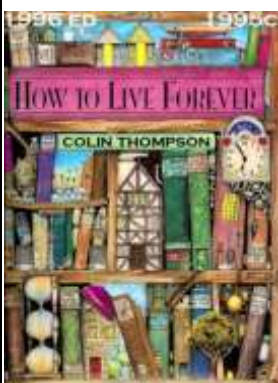
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 1 2024/25

Welcome to Year 5! We are excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

It is important your child brings in their **water bottle, reading books and a coat** every day! Please continue to log in to ClassDojo where you will be able to see the amazing learning taking place in and outside of our classroom and receive updates from all of us!

Readers and Authors



This term, we will study the book 'How to Live Forever', which was written by Colin Thompson. We will be focussing on setting development, dialogue and character motive throughout the narrative.

We will continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions with a key focus on expanding our vocabulary choices.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, making inferences, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.

Scientists



In Science, the children will study weather and climate around the globe. We will study weather patterns in the United Kingdom and discuss the effects of global warming on recent weather patterns.

Mathematicians



For this term our maths unit is decimal numbers. We will look at the value of decimal numbers including tenths and hundredths as well as how to add and subtract them. We will also continue to revise our multiplication facts and use these in our daily sessions to support our learning. As always, please support at home by practising these with your child.

Children will continue to practice their timetables. Please encourage them to practice at home on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS).

Geographers



This term we will learn about the water cycle and local rivers. The children will spend time building and studying their own water cycle. We will discuss the different paths that water takes and identify how our local

area has modified the drainage of water over time.



For Term 1 and 2, Year 5 will be going swimming on a Thursday afternoon. They will need to bring a full swimming kit – towel and swimming costume/shorts. Please also bring a coat on Thursday as we are walking to swimming.



We are continuing to use spelling shed across the school. Your children will have spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday morning.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Timestable rockstars activities for them to access online at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>
We have a library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day. Please support your child in encouraging them to read daily.

If you have any questions at all, please contact myself through ClassDojo or at the door.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss West