

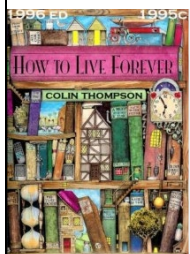
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 1 2026/2027

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.

Historians:

As historians we will be learning about the Roman Empire and their occupation of Britain. We will be learning in the afternoons and exploring key events and significant figures throughout the time period

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).



Music:

On Fridays, we will be having music sessions with Bristol Beacon. We will be focussing on using instruments to compose music.



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.



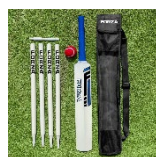
For Term 1 and 2, Year 5 will be going swimming on a Thursday morning. They will need to bring a full swimming kit – towel and swimming costume/shorts. Please also bring a coat on Thursday as we are walking to swimming. Your child must come to school beach ready, with their costumes under their uniform. Swimming is an essential part of the curriculum, and all children must take part in every session.



We are continuing to teach spellings. Your children will have spellings to learn twice a 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.trockstars.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.



Athletes:

We are lucky enough to have Gloucestershire cricket coming in to teach us how to play cricket! This will happen every Wednesday.!

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gilbert
Teacher