



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring 1

### Welcome

Hello and welcome back to Year 5 and what a snowy start to the Spring term! We hope that you have had a lovely and restful Christmas break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and hitting the ground running with some fantastic learning from continuing to learn about our local History in Newton to new books in English!

### Important dates

05.1.26—INSET Day  
06.1.26—Children Return to School  
09.2.26—Show Racism the Red Card Workshop Y5  
10.2.26—Safer Internet Day  
12.2.26—Young Voices

### Curriculum

Our author of the half term is Vashti Hardy, who writes novels such as:

- Brightstorm,
- Wildspark
- North and the Only One

And many more...



In English we will be continue reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and moving on to our new text of Everest by Alexandra Stewart.

We will be continuing with our History topic of our Local Area, where we will be learning about the History of Newton Hall, the De Newton Family and our local area, exciting! We will be then moving on to Geography, where we will be looking at Mountains, another fantastic topic.

In Science, we will be continuing with our Materials topic, where there will be lots of opportunities to work Scientifically.

We will hopefully be able to re-arrange with Councillor Robinson to come in to share our learning from previous Geography and DT topics linking to Fair Trade but our new focus will be Art. Our new Art topic will be Mixed Media in preparation for our Art Gallery.

In PSHE we will be finishing off our Relationships unit before learning about Living in the wider world and continuing our My Happy Mind programme.

### PE

PE is on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children need to come to school in their PE kit. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie and black



**Times Tables**— We will be looking at our Times Tables daily in Year 5 to become more secure and confident. Times Tables are a significant part of our Basic Skills learning in Maths and can really support children with all aspects of Maths.

We will be using a variety of websites and tasks that children can access at home to practise too such as [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk) and [Hit The Button!](http://hitthebutton.com)

### Homework



#### Maths

Children will receive an Arithmetic paper each week on a Monday and it is to be completed by the following Monday. Children will have one week to complete it. Dojo points will be added for those children who complete this homework on time. A lunch time club will be available for children who wish to complete it there.

#### Reading

Children need to read their book fluently before they are returned. We will change books when they are returned—there is no set day. If you wish to communicate about your child's reading then please leave a note in the reading record.

Children also have access to Reading Plus.

### Communication



Please make sure that you are signed up to Class Dojo where you see what we have been getting up to.

You can also see what we are up to on our Instagram page—Find us at [bradley\\_green\\_academy](https://www.instagram.com/bradley_green_academy)

Messages can be sent via MCAS.