



Jericho Primary School

Class Newsletter Spring 2025

Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Term! Well done to everyone so far, as the children have settled back into our classes beautifully and our classrooms have been busy and cheerful. We're particularly enjoying our Myth writing in English and our class readers, 'War Horse' and 'The London Eye Mystery'.

We want your child to have a happy and successful time in their final years of primary school with us at Jericho. This letter will share important information with you regarding some of the routines and expectations in Year 5.

The Year 5 Team

Our Year 5 team is:

5H: Mr Hutchinson

5W: Ms Halsall

We also have Teaching Assistants who will be supporting the year group: Miss Watson, Mrs McClean, and Mrs Wishart.

Spring Term Learning

Writing: We are writing myths based on the Greek stories. We are focusing on matching dialogue with character and writing to entertain, with plenty of description! Later in the term we will be looking at writing a cultural third person narrative based on Middle East. The children will focus on selecting language and structures, which reflect life in a different culture.

In our Reading, we are studying a range of texts including non-fiction texts on science, Jamie Drake, some other Frank Cottrell Boyce books, and reading based on our Geography last half term.

In Mathematics we started the term by completing our fractions work, then will continue by looking at multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit numbers, multiplying 3 digit by 2 digits and finally 4 digits by 2 digits. This is followed by division using the 'bus stop' method. We then return back to fractions, where we learn to multiply fractions and find a fraction of an amount. We find equivalent decimals to fractions as well as rounding decimals and finding percentage amounts. We move on to learning how to calculate area and perimeter of regular shapes.

In Science we will be learning about properties of materials and forces. We will look at physical and chemical changes and observe these in experiments in class. We will move on to forces, where we will explore the forces acting on us and objects around us. We will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, water resistance and up thrust.

In History we will be exploring The Middle East and the Early Islamic Civilisation. We will revisit civilisations that have come before and key signs of a civilisation. We will learn how Islam started and spread across the Middle East and explore the 'Golden Age' of Islam. We will finally learn about key figures and their contributions and legacies.

R.E: Hinduism and how Brahman and Atman are important.

Art: We will be drawing and sketching the human form linked to the work of Henry Moore, a significant WW2 artist.

PSHE: Keeping Safe where we will be looking at bullying and healthy lifestyle choices.

Music: We will be practising our singing and composition skills through 'Make you feel my love' by Adele / Bob Dylan..

French: After completing our work on calendar 'Dates'. We will be studying phrases which will enable us to describe the home.

P.E: We are practising Yoga and Dance.

Computing: Will be exploring conditions in coding when using Scratch.

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in Year 5. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can. We are currently asking that children and parents read with their children every night, for at least fifteen to twenty minutes, to include plenty of reading aloud to support continued fluency and expression work. Reading records are checked daily and we would love to have a dialogue with your children about their home reading too, so they know how important it is and why it matters that they are a reader. Please don't feel that you need to 'set a timer' but make it quality time spent exploring the issues raised by a book or a character. Reading both fiction and non-fiction is important, giving as broad a 'reading diet' as possible. Explore a good novel together, but dip into playscripts, magazines, information texts, newspapers, even picture books aimed at children their age.





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When we do return to setting homework, we will inform you. It would be on a Tuesday night and a basic outline is given below for your child's year group (in addition to the reading above):

Literacy

- Daily reading at home for 20 minutes. Reading books need to be in school daily and reading records are checked every day.
- 10 spellings. Five of these will be taken from the Year 5/6 statutory spelling word list. The other five words will be based on a key spelling rule or subject-specific vocabulary being used in lessons.

Maths

- Times Table Rockstars - 10 minutes daily is recommended. A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps.

Children understand that the same high expectations of presentation we have in the classroom must be applied to all written homework tasks. Unless otherwise stated, we kindly ask that, work is completed in their homework books (new ones can now be given to any children needing them) using a sharp pencil and a ruler where necessary.

Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 5s look following the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was parent-mailed out very recently. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with tape. Other jewellery should stay at home, as on any school day.

PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

PE Days:

PE days in both Year 5 classes for this half term will be Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

The School Day

The classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Gates are closed at 8:55am.

We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

The Year 5 Team!

