

# Year 5 & 6 Newsletter January 2026



## Dates for the diary

28<sup>th</sup> January - Eagles Assembly  
3<sup>rd</sup> February - Glider Workshop  
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> February - TD Day  
24<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 4

## Reminders

**Snacks** are not provided in KS2. If you would like your child to have a morning snack they need to bring one from home - fruit, a cereal bar or another healthy choice.

**Correct uniform**, including black shoes, needs to be worn. Make up and jewelry are not allowed. Please remind your children to wear clothes that are appropriate for cold or wet weather.

## Reading

Children should be aiming to read at home at least 5 times a week - either to an adult or independently. Children will have a book that they choose to take home.

**Please support your child with their reading and record home reading in their reading record books - either you or your child can do this.**

The reading record book should be brought into school each day with the child's reading book. Each Friday their total number of reads for the week will be recorded.

## PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit. Millbrook fleece or sweatshirt for outdoor PE - branded sports jumpers are not school uniform. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed if possible.

**Please wear kit suitable for outdoor PE in cold weather!**

**Tuesday** - Robins outdoors

**Wednesday** - All classes inside

**Thursday** - Eagles and Woodpeckers outdoors

## Welcome!

Happy New Year! Welcome back Year 5 and Year 6.

Robins - Miss Webb

Woodpeckers - Mrs Gurupatham

Eagles - Mr Adams

If you need to contact your class teacher please email the correct class:

Eagles- eagles@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Robins- robins@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Woodpeckers- woodpeckers@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

## This term's topic: Democracy

This term's topic will have a History focus as we explore Democracy in the past, such as the Magna Carta and Suffragette movement. In English, we will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. In Science we will be learning about changing materials. In Art we will be recreating the work of landscape artist, Emily Carr.

## Learning in Y5/6

The majority of teaching in Y5/6 will happen in your child's class. However, for some lessons throughout the year, they may be taught by another teacher from the year group so that we can best meet each child's learning needs.

## Homework

### **Spellings:**

The children will be given a week to learn each list.

Spelling tests will be on a Friday. **Please ensure spelling books are returned to school each week.**

### **Mathletics:**

We are so proud of how many children have earned their Mathletics certificates so far this year. Keep up the hard work!

### **Times Tables:**

A reminder that times tables are a fundamental skill that children need to be secure with in order to be successful at Maths in Year 5/6.