



Spring Term Newsletter for Year 5

Welcome back Year 5!

We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to get started on an exciting Spring term ahead! We have many opportunities this half term such as Dynamo Cricket, Literacy Kicks and a trip to Liverpool. Please have a read of this newsletter to find out more about what we will be doing this term!

Reading



Reading is an essential part of your child's education here at Northbrook and you can continue to support this at home. We expect all children to read at least four times each week. Two of these reads can be done on Reading Plus. Reading records must be brought to school daily to be checked and rewarded. Children can record in their own reading records in Year 5.

Maths

For our Maths lessons, we follow White Rose Maths. We will be starting the Spring term completing our fraction unit, before moving on to multiplication and division and our second unit on fractions. Within our arithmetic sessions, we will be using White Rose Infinity alongside our times table booklets.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday is our swimming day. Please make sure your child brings their correct swimming kit every Tuesday (swimming costume, towel, swimming cap and goggles if required). On Wednesdays, children will need their normal PE kit (purple t-shirt, black shorts and pumps/trainers). Children can also bring outdoor kits if they wish to. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school, clearly labelled and in a bag, as this year they will be getting changed in school.



Homework

Homework will be set each Thursday and due the following Thursday. Homework is all online and will be updated on our class pages on the school website. Homework will consist of activities set on Mathletics, Spelling Shed and TTRockstars.

Spellings

We follow Read Write Inc for spelling and lessons will be taught daily in school.

Curriculum Overview

In English, our focus text will be *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens, writing our own stories with historical settings and building up to writing our own playscript. We will also have Literacy Kicks joining us on a Friday, to deliver our non-fiction unit.

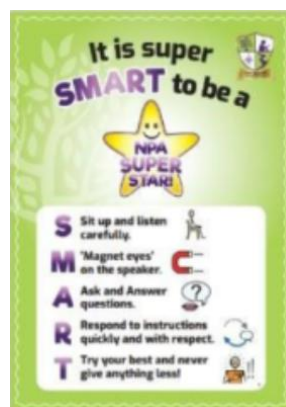
In Science, we will be exploring the property of materials in Spring 1, moving onto Space in Spring 2. In History, we will be learning about the The Kingdom of Benin. In Spring 2, our Geography learning will be based on the city of Liverpool, where we will also be going on our first school trip of the year to explore and learn about the historic city. Our RE learning in Spring 1 will be on Hinduism, and we will revisit Christianity in Spring 2. In DT, we will be designing and building Cam systems and in Art, we will be exploring the work of artist Peter Thorpe.

The partnership between home and school is essential, thank you for your support and if you do have any questions, please ask.

Our School Values



The NPA Way!



Whilst at school, children are expected to be an NPA Superstar! Following our SMART values ensures that every child is ready to learn and is able to reach their full potential.



Northbrook Primary Academy Timetable 2025 2026

Year 5

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 8.55 / 9	Grammar Morning Work	Orange words spelling/ Handwriting	Retrieval wider curriculum	Maths (tough 10)	Maths (specific focus)
9.00 - 9.20	Handwriting	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
9.20 - 9.45	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading	Whole Class Reading
9.45 - 10.45	English	English	English	English	Grammar
10.45 - 11	Break				
11 - 11.15	Arithmetic	Maths 11.45 - Lunch	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Handwriting
11.15 - 12.15	Maths		Maths	Maths	Times tables/ Arithmetic
12.15 - 1.00	Lunch				
1.00 - 1.15	CGO PPA Silent reading	Swimming	History	Silent reading	Class reader
1.15-2.10	Music			Science	PSHE
2.10 - 2.45	Computing Spanish	Class Reader Arithmetic and TTs	PE	RE	DT
2.45-3.15	Whole School Assembly	SMSC Assembly	Singing Assembly	Picture News Assembly	Celebration Assembly

Key dates for the Spring Term

January

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school

Thursday 8th - EYFS Open Day 9-10am

Friday 9th January - Friday 13th February, Literacy Kicks for Y5/6

Thursday 15th - Birthday Lunch

WB Monday 26th - Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Test Week

February

Thursday 5th - Young Voices

Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th - Y5/6 Residential at the Anderton Centre

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

14th - 22nd Half term

Monday 23rd - Children return to school

Thursday 26th - Y5 Liverpool City Trip

Thursday 26th - Community Voice

March

Thursday 5th - Birthday Lunch

Friday 6th - World Book Day Celebrations

Monday 16th - Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 17th - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 25th - Bingo

Friday 27th - Finish for Easter 2.10pm/2.15pm