



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2026

Year 5

Reading: Our first week of reading has been a focus on poetry. We are using VIPERS to target different question areas (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise). In the following weeks, we will look at narrative texts.

Spelling: We continue to follow the EdShed scheme for spelling. Homework for spellings can be found on Edshed in form of assessment games and Showbie. The children are tested weekly on their spellings.

Maths: This half term, we will be looking at decimals (to thousandths) as well as percentages. We will be comparing fractions, decimals and percentages, making links with previous learning in this area. This unit will be followed by the unit Area and Perimeter of regular polygons.

English: This half term, we are focusing on biographies and autobiographies. Our first text, *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield, explores the life of the astronaut. Our second text, *Malala's Magic Pencil*, explores themes of children's rights, wars and conflict. Our mastery keys include: using commas to clarify meaning, linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials and using brackets, commas and dashes to indicate parenthesis.

In Science we will be learning all about **changing materials** and will complement this learning by carrying out experiments to explore chemical reactions. We will also be learning about **climates and biomes** in geography too! In history, we will be delving into **Alexander the Great** and learn about significant people and events in a chronological order. **Healthy Me** is the unit of work which we will enjoy in our PSHE lessons and these will also incorporate the **British Values** too.

Homework: Reading (5 times a week), Edshed (10 games), Edshed worksheet (on Showbie), maths quiz (on Showbie). The completion of homework will result in various rewards such as green points and prizes.

PE Kit: Year 5 will need to come to school in their PE kit every Thursday and Friday.

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

Daily reading practise with your child

Practise times tables on TT Rockstars

Edshed practice

Supporting your child to become more independent in getting organised for school and remembering their belongings.

For additional information and resources to support your child's learning, please see our school website and the home school links diaries.

[Home - Times Tables Rock Stars](#)

Please feel free to contact us with any queries and we will try to help wherever possible. We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

Miss Simpson, Miss Proctor, Mr Wachenheim