



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter



Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome back to the Autumn term at Tanworth and welcome to Year 5!

The first couple of days back have really shown me what a positive and happy year we have ahead of us. I can't wait to get to know all the children better and encourage them to reach their full potential.

This year is all about developing the children's independence and confidence in themselves and their abilities. I've been really impressed so far with the children's attitude to learning and enthusiasm, and I just know that we're going to have a happy and successful year!



Reading



In class this term, we will be reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and *The Wolves of Currumpaw*.

The children will take their STAR tests next week and will have a new ZPD range and a corresponding selection of books to choose from in the library. Please encourage the children to read **every day**, even if only for ten minutes. I can't emphasise enough the importance of reading as it supports children's development in all areas, including writing and maths. Get stuck into those stories, bookworms! Happy reading!

Staff in Year 5

Teacher: **Miss Wilding**

Support Staff for Years 5 and 6: Miss Davis (am) and Mrs Walton (Tuesdays and Thursdays pm).

P.E.

Our P.E days are: **Mondays, Wednesday (swimming) Thursdays (Autumn 2)**

NOTE: We are retaining the policy that your child **comes to school in their PE kit** on these days.

As per our PE policy, please ensure that long hair is tied back. Earrings need to be removed or covered. Many thanks.

Our Swimming day is Wednesday

Year 5 are swimming this term on Wednesday. Please ensure they come to school in PE kit with their swimming kit in a suitable bag.

OPAL

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and suitable waterproof clothing in school at all times. At lunchtime, they will be outside, come rain or shine!

SCODE Spellings

The children take part in daily spelling lessons. The children can be working on a particular sound and its codes (how it is written) for a number of weeks, we will regularly test their knowledge in class, making the end of unit test less daunting.

Copies of the words that the children will be learning, can be found on our class page, on the website.

Times tables

This year in maths we will be studying different written methods for multiplication and division as well as fractions, percentages and decimals. This will mean that we will be using our times tables on a regular basis. Please can you encourage children to learn their times tables and practise them frequently to ensure that they have a speedy recall? According to the curriculum, children should be fluent in their times tables by the end of Year 4. Children are considered fluent in their times tables when they can answer questions at random (based on facts up to 12 x 12) in six seconds!

Autumn Term Theme



Our theme this term is "The Amazing

Americas!"



This theme begins with a geography focus and specifically looks at North and South America. We will be thinking about the climate and biomes that can be found across these continents, the countries that make them up and the famous natural and physical features that can be found there. We will then move into a history focus with a study of Mexico and the Ancient Maya civilisation. This week, the children have completed a scavenger hunt of countries in North and South America as part of their sparkly start for the theme.

A Typical Day in Year 5...

Early morning work - This will be a mix of responding to marking, quizzing on Accelerated Reader, personal reading, handwriting, spelling and/or times table practice.

Morning - During the morning, children will usually have a Maths and English lesson. They may also have spelling, handwriting and guided reading lessons. Friday morning will be slightly different, as this is our computing time slot.

Afternoon - Afternoon lessons will be curriculum based and made up of theme lessons (history, geography, art, DT) as well as music, PE, RE, PSHE, Spanish and science lessons.

*Please note that this is just a guide and subject to change as we may do curriculum lessons in the mornings too dependent on the specific objectives that we are covering.

Finally, if at any point over the term you have any questions or you'd like to chat, then please don't hesitate to phone the school or email. I will always get back to you as soon as I can.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of the year five families!

Thank you for your support 😊 Miss Wilding

Homework

We set homework to give children the chance to practise the skills they learn in class to help them consolidate and embed learning. Nothing new is taught but it helps the children to have extra exposure to the concepts we've covered. Children (or parents) may mark homework themselves to self-assess their understanding and enable them to have a discussion with me in school if they have found something difficult. Homework is for the children. It's about developing ownership of their learning and an understanding that if they want to succeed, they need to put the work in!

Homework will be **set on a Friday** and the children will be expected to complete it by the following Friday.

If the children are unable to do homework due to a particularly busy week at home or computing issues, they can come along to homework club on a **Wednesday lunchtime**. Homework will mostly be set on LBQ so I can remotely see who isn't engaging and discuss why.

Home Learning: Our topic-based homework, allows children to express their creative side. Please see the list of activities, but feel free to create your own.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day
- Thursday 3rd September School & Nursery open
- Wednesday 9th September Headteacher presentation (sharing 25-26 achievements and 26-27 priorities) 6.30pm
- Tuesday 20th October Parents Meetings
- Thursday 22nd October Parents Meetings
- Thursday 22nd October Children break up for half-term
- Friday 23rd October School & Nursery closed Teacher Training
- Monday 2nd November School & Nursery open
- Friday 18th December School & Nursery close for Christmas

*Outdoor Learning dates TBC

*Cadbury World Trip TBC

*Junior Carol Concert TBC

***Please note these dates are all accurate at the point of publishing. However, they may change, and we endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.*