

Year 5 Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting new term! In Term 4, we are thrilled to continue the great work from last term.

This term, we will be reading the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. This powerful and thought-provoking story will form the basis of our reading and writing lessons. We will build on the skills we worked on in Terms 1, 2 and 3, while introducing new Year 5 content. Our focus will be on further developing sentence structure, tense, and coherence, as well as enhancing word choice, vocabulary, and character description.

Throughout the term, we will continue to develop our writing stamina, as regular practice will help the children produce high-quality, thoughtful work. We're excited to see how they engage with "Wonder" and deepen their skills!



Our book this term is "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Your child is welcome to bring a copy of the book to help them in their learning.

This term in Maths, we will start with Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages, followed by Length, Mass, and Capacity. We'll also explore Roman Numerals and focus on Problem Solving to apply our skills. Finally, we'll use Space for Pace to ensure confidence in all areas.

This term in Computing, we will be using **Purple Mash** to explore **blogging** as a way to share and communicate information online. The children will learn how to **create, edit, and publish blog posts** using Purple Mash, incorporating text, images, and hyperlinks to make their content engaging and informative. In addition to this, we will focus on Health, Wellbeing, and Lifestyle, discussing how online activity can impact mental and physical wellbeing. Children will learn how to maintain a balanced approach to screen time, recognising the importance of taking breaks and staying active, while also reflecting on how positive online habits can contribute to their overall health and wellbeing.

This term, our science learning will focus on Earth and **Space**. Within this topic, the children will explore the **movement of the Earth, Moon, and planets** in relation to the Sun, deepening their understanding of **orbits, rotations, and the solar system**. They will investigate the **phases of the Moon**, understand how day and night occur, and consider how these celestial movements impact life on Earth.

In History this term, we will be focusing on the **Tudors**. Children will explore what life was like in Tudor England, looking at key aspects such as daily life, the monarchy, and significant events during this period. They will compare different aspects of Tudor life to modern life, investigating the changes and continuities over time. They will also examine the roles of Tudor kings and queens, and the social structure of the time.

We will also be offering our broad and balanced curriculum, with Art, RE, Personal Development and Music.

In Term 4, we will have **PE on a Thursday**. Please can children come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day. There is no need to bring a change of clothes. We ask that you please provide them with jogging bottoms in case the weather is wet or cold. We will be working on dance this term, learning some fundamental movements and patterns to create innovative pieces.

Homework will be taken home on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday please. All children **must** also read 5 times per week which needs recording in their reading records. We appreciate your support with this.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term with you all!

Mr Medd and Miss Taylor

Meet the Team

Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Class 5T

Miss Taylor (Teacher) & Ms Ohlson (TA)

Class 5M

Mr Medd (Teacher) & Ms Ohlson (TA)