



Year 5
Spring 2 Newsletter
2025 - 26

Welcome!

A very big welcome back to Year 5 children after half term. We are very almost half way through the year, which is incredible to think about! Children really have been working so, so hard and really engaging in their learning which has made time fly!

This half term, although it is only a short one, promises to be a busy and exciting one. We have started our new topic of Anglo Saxons and Vikings which children are already so interested in. We are also really lucky this half term to be having an interactive session led by a History expert later on in the half term.

We are also incredibly excited and looking forward to getting back to Forest School this half term now that the weather has improved a little bit and it is less boggy! **Please check really carefully for the relevant dates.**

And of course, we have Book Week! Year 5 have really impressed us this year with their love of reading and the sheer range of genres they are reaching for. We cannot wait to spend a whole week celebrating the joy of reading and look forward to seeing lots of you for the Parent Sharing Event.

As always, if you need to get in touch, please feel free to email or speak to me on the playground.

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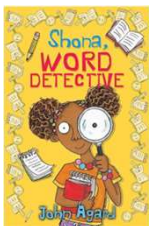
Year 5 Topics

Autumn 1 (02.09.25 – 22.10.25)	Spring 1 (05.01.26 – 13.02.26)	Summer 1 (13.04.26 – 22.05.26)
The World at War	Earthlings	Amazon Adventure
Autumn 2 (03.11.25 – 19.12.25)	Spring 2 (23.02.26 – 27.03.26)	Summer 2 (02.06.26 – 17.07.26)
Victoriana	Inventors and Inventions	Higher, Faster, Stronger

Weekly Timetable

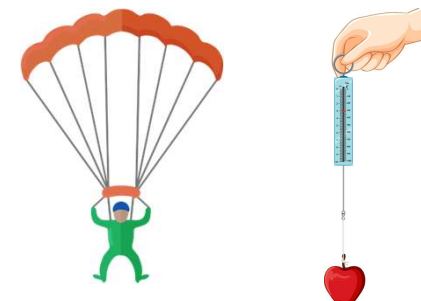
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day				
		PE	Homework Due In	Spelling Test / New Spellings
Forest School 9.3.26	Forest School 3.3.26 17.3.26 24.3.26		Reading Records checked	Homework Set

Forest School sessions this half term are
Tuesday 3rd March, Monday 9th March, Tuesday 17th March, Tuesday 24th March



Our Learning this half term

Our topic for this half term is 'Inventors and Inventions'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:



English: We will begin by looking at writing our own inventions poem for Poetry Week before moving on to 'Shona The Word Detective' for Book Week. We will be exploring endangered languages and the origin of some slightly more unusual, forgotten words. We will then finish by looking at "The Invention of Hugo Cabert" and children will write their own story about a new invention.

Maths: Fractions- looking at multiplying fractions by whole numbers, finding fractions of amounts and multiplying mixed numbers by whole numbers. **Decimals and Percentages-** looking at equivalent fractions and decimals up to 2 decimal places.

Science: Forces- What affect does gravity, air resistance and water resistance have on objects? Exploring these forces in practical lessons and investigating the pushes and pulls.



History: Anglo Saxons and The Vikings- children will explore where Anglo-Saxons came from and why they chose to invade Britain. They will also learn about the impact of monasteries in England during this time as well as moving on to explore the Reputation the Vikings have and whether or not this is justified. Our learning will be supported by a visit from an expert in this subject too.

PE: Tennis with EdStart – bat, ball and wall.

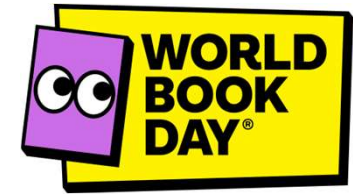
RE: Islam –Where can we find guidance about how to live our lives? Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims?


DT: Linking to our Science unit we will be exploring levers, pulleys and gears to raise a flag.

PSHE: Keeping/Staying Safe- smoking- looking at the long term effects of smoking on health and also equipping children with strategies to help them resist any pressure they may face to start smoking.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Key Events for Spring 1: 23.02.26 - 27.03.26



Scholastic Book Fair	Book Week	Book Swap Day	Book Dress-up Day + Parents Sharing Event
<p>Thursday 26th February – Tuesday 3rd March (inc)</p> <p>Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open at home time each day, giving parents and children the opportunity to explore and purchase a wide selection of exciting books.</p>	<p>Monday 4th March – Friday 6th March</p> <p>Children will take part in activities linked to our whole school text, <i>Shona, Word Detective</i> and many other word/book related activities!</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th March</p> <p>Children all bring in one or more books they have read and no longer need (in good condition please) and then they can swap it for another!</p> 	<p>Friday 6th March</p> <p>Children can come dressed up as a book character if they wish and bring the book with them! AND one parent or family member is invited to attend and share book related activities with their child/ren.</p>
History Man	Parents' Evening	Rock Kidz	
<p>Tuesday 17th March</p> <p>A visiting historian will be bringing History to life by teaching children all about Anglo Saxons and Vikings in an engaging, hands on and interactive session. This will include use of artefacts, stories and his expert knowledge.</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th March & Thursday 19th March</p> <p>Parents' Evening provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and talk about next steps in learning.</p>	<p>Monday 23rd March</p> <p>All children can dress up, if they wish, ready to rock and roll.</p> <p>Children will take part in workshops and rock sessions focused on self esteem and respect with Cameron, Si and Jonathan</p> <p>www.rockkidzuk.com</p>	

ROCK KIDZ ARE COMING TO SCHOOL!

 Monday 23rd March

Get ready to turn up the volume!

WHAT IS ROCK KIDZ?

Rock Kidz On Tour is an exciting, high energy workshop that transforms our school hall into a live rock concert venue for the day. Through music, movement and powerful messages, the team deliver an unforgettable experience focused on:

- ★ Self esteem and diversity
- ★ Perseverance and resilience
- ★ Anti bullying

Please do not feel you need to buy anything new.

We cannot wait for what promises to be an energetic, inspiring and memorable day for all of our pupils!

DRESS LIKE A ROCK STAR!

To make the day even more special, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in items including:

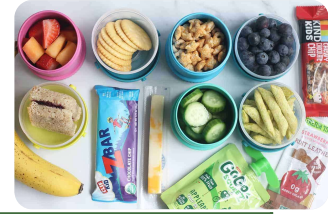
-  Bright colours
-  Band t shirts
-  Crazy hair
-  Leather jackets
-  Glitter and sparkles

Please do not feel you need to buy anything new. Simple, fun outfits are absolutely fine.

Let's get ready to rock!



Year 5 Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision) Doors open at 8:45am Home Time is at 3:30pm (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with) NO parents are to use the staff car park unless permission has been given, by Governors, for exceptional circumstances. 	<p>Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Playground</p> <p>Gates Open – 8:35 a.m. The school yard is not supervised by staff before school. For everyone’s safety, we kindly ask that children do not use the playground equipment during this time. If a child does use the equipment, the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur before or after school hours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or sugar free snack) for morning and/or afternoon playtime. This should remain in their tray (not lunchbox) until eaten. No chocolate or crisps permitted. We cannot store yogurt in a fridge. Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the Year 5 area outside the dining hall. Drinks: Children should bring water in a clearly identifiable water bottle each day which will be kept in class. They will be able to refill if necessary, during the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday and have these on their desk. We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework and spellings will be set every Friday and due in the following Thursday. Homework books must be in school by each Friday so that new homework and spellings can be stuck in.

PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note - watches and earrings must be **removed** for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



Forest School



When it is our Forest School day, children will come to school in their “**Essential Forest School Kit**”.

On colder days children can also wear their own school jumper or cardigan if they wish (weather dependant).

On our Forest School days, children should bring their outdoor footwear – wellies/boots and waterproofs in a bag to change into.

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Essential Forest School Kit – all children **MUST** bring the correct kit on their allocated day.

- plain black full legged tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no logos or stripes),
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top ****new** (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- School shoes / **black** trainers (to wear inside school)
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

School Uniform



Forest School (Y1 to Y6)

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

- plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans **NO trainers or boots**

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back
(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional