

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter – September 2025

Dear Year 5 students and families,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and some new adventures. As we begin this journey together, I'm thrilled to see so many bright new faces ready to learn, grow, and take on the challenges of Year 5. We have an amazing year ahead filled with interesting projects, new friendships, and opportunities to discover just how much we can achieve together. Let's make this year our best one yet!

Autumn term topic

This term, we will be exploring the exciting topic of '*Magnificent Mountains*'. We will be focussing on how and why mountains are formed, the different types of mountains, learning map skills, using computing skills to research famous explorers and looking at places around the world that are home to some of the world's tallest mountains and ranges.

English

After a successful year of implementing the new HfL English sequence, I am pleased to be continuing with it this year. The carefully structured lessons support the development of key writing skills and embed essential writerly techniques, enabling children to write with increasing confidence, purpose, and creativity.

Our first sequence of lessons this new term, is to write to inform – a non-chronological report about monsters, followed by writing to entertain using a narrative called 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'.

The second half of the Autumn term is to write to entertain using a poetry called 'Where the poppies now grow', then using a narrative called 'The Promise' to write to entertain once more, finished by writing to inform using a biography called 'Groundbreaking Scientists'. I'm genuinely excited to see how this new sequence of lessons will shape and support each child's unique writing journey, helping them grow in confidence, creativity, and skill.

Mathematics

In the first half term of Year 5, our main focus is deepening the children's understanding of place value, working confidently with numbers up to 1,000,000 and to three decimal places. We will also explore negative numbers and introduce key new vocabulary to support mathematical reasoning and precision. As the term progresses, we'll move on to working with decimal numbers, including multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1,000, ensuring a strong foundation for more complex number work ahead.

