

# Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter – April 2026

## **Dear Year 5 students and families,**

As we step into the summer term, it's the perfect moment to celebrate the remarkable energy, determination, and curiosity that Year 5 have brought to their learning so far. Their commitment to embracing new challenges and supporting one another has been truly inspiring. The weeks ahead promise to be just as exciting, with highlights including our eagerly awaited school trip to Duxford, the much-loved end-of-year production, and a whole host of enriching lessons and activities. There's so much for the class to look forward to, and we can't wait to enjoy every moment of our last term together!

## **Spring term topic**

This term, Year 5 will be travelling back in time to explore one of the most pivotal eras in modern history: World War Two. Throughout our lessons, we'll dive into key events such as the outbreak of war, the Blitz, the Battle of Britain, evacuation, and life on the Home Front. The children will have the chance to investigate real-life stories, discover how ordinary people were affected, and gain insight into the wider impact the war had on the world. Through hands-on activities, historical sources, and imaginative projects, we aim to bring this compelling topic to life and help deepen the children's understanding of this significant chapter in our past.

## **English**

We were incredibly proud of the writing Year 5 produced last term—there were some truly impressive pieces, showcasing a range of new grammatical skills and growing confidence. This term, the children will continue to build on that progress by exploring a variety of exciting writing genres. They will learn how to write to explain, creating clear and informative texts, and how to write to advertise, using persuasive language to capture and hold their reader's attention. The class will also refine their descriptive writing, developing rich vocabulary to bring characters and settings vividly to life. To round off the term, we'll be delving into free verse poetry, giving pupils the freedom to express themselves creatively. Year 5 have already shown such talent and enthusiasm—we can't wait to see the wonderful writing they produce next!

## **Mathematics**

Year 5 have already shown tremendous progress in Maths this year, approaching new concepts with enthusiasm and steadily strengthening their problem-solving skills. This term, we'll be placing even greater emphasis on explaining and justifying mathematical thinking, helping children articulate how and why they reach their answers. Our learning journey will begin with scaling by simple fractions and rates before moving on to converting units of measure, including comparing imperial and metric systems. The class will also deepen their understanding of angles, practise reading timetables and calculating intervals of time, and explore the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. Later in the term, we'll analyse data using line graphs and round things off with a focus on Roman Numerals.

Alongside all of this, our weekly arithmetic sessions will continue to build fluency and confidence, encouraging children to recognise patterns and even discover alternative strategies for solving problems. With so many rich topics ahead, we're excited for another term filled with curiosity, challenge, and excellent mathematical thinking!

## **Other Core Subjects**

With our core curriculum now firmly embedded, we are excited to continue building on the strong skills the children have already developed across all subjects. Since introducing our KAPOW curriculum a few years ago, Year 5 have established a solid foundation, and this term we will be deepening their knowledge and understanding even further. The class have shown a real passion for Computing and music, eagerly exploring and building upon new skills —something we are delighted to nurture and look forward to seeing flourish even more this term!

**Science:** We will finish our unit of Earth and Space, due to Burwell House and Science Week! Then we will finish off our year in year 5 with ‘animals and humans’ and ‘forces’.

**Computing:** The KAPOW computing lessons have been a definite success in Year 5! The class loved learning about Binary code connected to the Mars Rover! Next term, we are looking at stop-motion animation and Mars Rover 2.

**PE:** I will be delivering PE on a **Monday morning** this term, teaching cricket, and Premier will be delivering lessons on a **Thursday afternoon**, teaching net/wall games.

**MFL:** Our first half of term will be focussing on learning about ‘The Olympics’ and finishing year 5 off with learning about ‘clothes’.

**Library:** Still every **Thursday** afternoon.

**DT:** We are going to look at Electrical systems: Doodlers first half of term, and looking at healthier foods, with a WW2 focus in the second half of term.

**PSHCE:** We are going to look at ‘Economic well-being’ the first half, and ‘Safety and the changing body’ in the second half.

**RE:** We will be deepening our knowledge of Christianity and Buddhism.

As we begin this final term of Year 5, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support throughout the year—it truly makes such a positive difference. A huge well done to the children for their enthusiasm, hard work, and resilience; they should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved so far. We hope they are feeling excited for the wonderful term ahead. From engaging lessons to special events and end-of-year celebrations, there is so much to look forward to, and we can’t wait to share these moments with them in the weeks to come.

Finally, a gentle reminder to check Google Classroom each week for our *Peek at the Week*, where we share updates on the children’s learning and any important reminders to help you stay informed.

Miss Howley and Mrs Giles