

# Year 5 Newsletter - Term 1 & 2



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## Year 5 expectations

### Homework:

Children will receive a short piece of homework on a weekly basis. Homework will be set on Friday and will usually be due in the following Friday. Occasionally, a longer-term project will be set for children to complete over a few weeks. Homework will usually be maths or literacy based.

### Spelling

Spelling lists will be handed out at the start of each long term. Children should practice spellings at regular intervals throughout the week. They will be tested on a Friday.

### Reading:

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In Year 5, children are expected to read for 25 minutes per night. Reading records should be signed by an adult and will be collected in every Thursday.

Here is a great website with recommended reads for Year 5 children. This includes recommended reads for reading out loud and reluctant readers, as well as poetry and non-fiction texts. <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/upper-ks2>



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## Maths

In Term 1, children will cover place value and formal written methods of addition and subtraction. After half term, we will move on to multiplication, division and fractions.

## English

In English, the children will produce a variety of pieces of writing such as narratives, newspaper reports, a letter, an information text and poetry.

## Science

Our journey of discovery in Year 5 science will begin with forces, before moving on to earth and space before Christmas.

## PE

In PE this term, we will be covering basketball and dance.

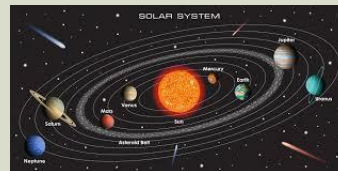
## RE

In Term 1, we will be looking at the key question 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?'

In Term 2, we will consider, 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

## Computing

We will cover computing systems and networks in Term 1. During Term 2, the children will work on media creation and video production.



## Topic (Geography and History)

Children will start their topic learning with a history topic on the Greeks. After half term, the children will build on their Year 4 learning about the Vikings, considering the legacy of the Vikings in Britain.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange an in-person meeting, please get in contact with us using the email address:

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