

YR 5 NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 5. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school after the school holidays. A fun-filled packed term has been planned and we look forward to helping your child learn and grow in all areas.

Year 5 are at school from 8:50am to 3:25pm, with doors opening at 8:40am. The children will enter school in the mornings through the front entrance, exiting the school via the same route. If you would like your child to walk home on their own at any point during the year, please inform the office or one of the class adults, otherwise the children will only be allowed to go home with adults named on their school collection lists.

Lunchtimes will commence at 12:30pm. Please ensure your child has a healthy snack for breaktime to help keep them nourished during the morning.

School Matters!



School attendance is important for all children, and we will be relaunching positive incentives for children to attend school as much as they possibly can. Please ring the office before school if your child is going to be absent that day. If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to talk to us.

The year 5 residential visit to Robin Hood's Bay will be taking place in Spring 2, with the date to be confirmed soon. Hopefully, with good weather and lighter evenings, additional activities during the evenings will be enjoyed. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks.



Class Learning

During our first week at school we enjoyed getting to know each other and focused some time for setting up routines and responsibilities within the classroom and school.

In Mathematics our focus for the term is place value, addition and subtraction, moving on to multiplication and division and the first fractions unit.

We will continue using our Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) system this year and your child will be working on specific targets throughout the year. Below is a table of the objectives to be covered.

	Year 5
Autumn 1	I know one and two decimal place number bonds for numbers between 1 and 10
Autumn 2	I know the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12×12
Spring 1	I can find factor pairs of a number
Spring 2	I can identify prime numbers up to 50
Summer 1	I can recall square numbers up to 122 and their square roots
Summer 2	I can count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1,000,000

Our English learning will be linked to a variety of books and texts including 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and 'The Highwayman', a poem by Alfred Noyes. The children will have a mixture of sentence stacking lessons, short burst writing sessions and the opportunities to write longer, more detailed pieces.

In reading, we will continue to focus on VIPERS, the whole school reading strategy, using a variety of texts, pictures and videos to promote reading skills.

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Our main curriculum topic for the term will be 'The Vikings', covering all aspects of Viking invasions and life. We will be linking this topic with our Art and DT learning by designing and making a Viking Longboat, using batik to dye and sew a tote bag and painting runes.

A visit to Jorvik in York has been planned for after half term. More news on this exciting trip will be provided nearer the time.

In Science we will be investigating the properties and changes of materials. We will be grouping and classifying materials, learning how to recover a substance from a solution, deciding how mixtures might be separated using filtering, sieving, and evaporating.

In computing we will continue to learn how to stay safe online and study a unit on coding.



Me and My Relationships and Keeping Myself Safe are the focuses for our PSHE work. We will be learning about the importance of being respectful and to recognise and care about other people's feelings, as well as all aspects of how we can keep our body and our minds healthy.

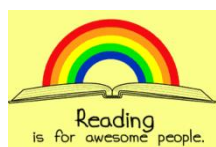
Our topics in RE will be Why do some people think God exists? and If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?

The school have adopted Spanish as the Modern Foreign Language that will be taught throughout key stage 2. They will continue to build on the skills taught last year.

PE sessions this term will take place on Friday afternoons. The children will be learning the skills of rounders and then moving on to competitive games. The rounders sessions will be outside, so please ensure the children have adequate clothing with them, tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie for the colder weather. If you have any problems regarding PE clothing, please come and talk to one of our team.

Homework:

Homework will be sent home weekly. This will comprise of spelling and maths, building on the skills learnt within the class lessons and the KIRFS. Additional English and some topic work may be set to enhance their work in school. Homework will be given to the children on a Friday, in homework books, and expected to be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. If your child has any problems with homework tasks, we are happy to support them in school.



Reading books will be available for the children to read at home. All children will be allocated books within the first week of school. Reading Records are available for you to record when you have read with your child at home and to add comments. Some of the children are confident readers, however, it is still important to hear your child read and discuss what your child has read.

Reading is vital to all aspects of children's learning, and we recommend that children read to an adult at home at least 4 times a week.

We are looking forward to a busy and positive first term in year 5!

Mr Ashford, Mrs Rowntree & Mrs Benson 😊