

Spring Term - Key Stage 2

Year 5



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term!

We hope you found the Coffee Mornings informative and thank you to all those parents who were able to attend.

Below is a range of useful information. If you have any queries, please speak to your class teacher at the end of the school day.

LITERACY

This term, we will be reading Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz and The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. Please ensure that children do not read these texts at home, as some of the children's learning is dependent upon predicting.

Children are expected to read for **at least** 15 minutes each day. Please read to and listen to your child reading, encouraging them to enjoy a wide variety of genres. It is very important to discuss what children have read with them to deepen their understanding and comprehension skills.

NUMERACY

Times tables are still a focus in Year 5. They are crucial to support good mathematical ability. Please spend time each week supporting your child with learning their times tables. Even if they have previously achieved a timetable, check that they have not forgotten them and are confident with instant recall in any order. The best thing to learn multiplication tables is regular and varied practice. Times Table Rock Stars is an excellent fun programme to help with this. The children have all been given **Times Tables Rockstars** logins and we hope they are enjoying this new resource at home.

VISITS

To start the term off, Alexander the Great will have visited Year 5 at Oak Lodge and the children will have interviewed him! Straight after the Easter break, we will also have our fantastic PGL residential trip visit!



First half-term:

- Properties and changes of materials
- The Great, The Bold and The Brave



Second half-term:

- Animals including humans (incl. puberty)
- The Holiday Show

Dates for your diary

10th January	Coffee Morning and Big Read workshop
8th February	Parent 'Pop-In' at 3.15pm— 3.45pm
12th to 16th February	Half Term
19th February	INSET Day
20th February to 2nd March	Life Bus visiting the school
20th and 22nd March	Parents' Evenings (A reminder re the booking system will be sent nearer the time)

Please ensure PE kits are in school on the correct day. It is important that the children have a tracksuit and trainers in school for outdoor PE in cold weather as the children still go outside.

5A – Tuesday and Thursday **5M**– Tuesday and Thursday **5J** – Tuesday and Friday

Can we also remind you that children should have fully equipped pencil cases, including: blue and black handwriting pens, whiteboard pens, a glue-stick and a 30cm ruler. Many thanks.