



"Learning together,
learning for life"

KEY DATES:

12.01.25
Swimming lessons
begin

W.B 09.02.26
Children's Mental
Health Week

13.02.26
INSET day

16.02.26 -
20.02.26
Half Term

Year 5 Newsletter

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Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term. We have an exciting half term ahead and cannot wait to get started on our new topic.

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In English, we will be using the book 'Stormbreaker'. We will be writing an explanation of how a spy gadget works and to persuade. We will be making inferences about the characters and deepening our understanding of the plot in our Reading lessons.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>In Maths, the children will be using the four operations to solve problems involving measurement. They will also be converting fractions to decimals and percentages and will be using shapes to find missing angles.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Our Science unit is on learning about the changes of different materials. We will be learning about reversible changes and chemical reactions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>Programming a quiz</p> <p>In this unit, children will develop their understanding of 'selection' by revisiting how conditions are used in programming and learning the 'if... then... else...' structure. They will learn to write programs that ask questions and use selection to control outcomes based on the answers provided.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Our DT unit this term is making savoury scones. We will try different ingredients and will consider what makes them healthy. We will bake and taste test our muffins!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>In Geography we will learn about The Caribbean. We will learn about what the climate is like there, what they eat and what they do for entertainment. At the end of the half term we will be writing in the role of travel agents.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>The children will be starting swimming lessons in Places Leisure, next Monday 12th January. They will also be having P.E. on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Tavender. Please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school every week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>This term we will be exploring duration and structure through the context of Rap music. The children will have the opportunity to listen to rap music, and analyse the use of rhythm, rhyme and structure within the music whilst also considering the performance and delivery of this aural art form and the context in which it developed. The unit culminates with creating and performing a whole class rap.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>As part of our PSHE this term, we will be focusing on 'Relationships'. We will learn about what is acceptable physical contact, how to keep information private and secure online. We will also learn about appropriate online friendships.</p>
<p>RE As part of our RE this term, we will be understanding the concept of freedom.</p>		

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