



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2026

English



In English, we will be studying **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. Using this text, we will be exploring a range of different skills and techniques to develop our writing. We will be considering audience and purpose for different text types, such as setting and character descriptions, balanced arguments, non-chronological reports and diary entries. We will continue to read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts alongside our main story.

Maths

In **maths** this term, we will be exploring place value in detail, focusing on handling larger numbers up to 1,000,000. We will practise methods to become proficient in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and learn how to solve reasoning and problem-solving questions. We also begin to look at fractions, being able to compare and order them as well as add and subtract. Throughout the term, we will be working on our reasoning skills to deepen our understanding of each topic.



Science

Our first topic will be '**Forces**'. The children will explore the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. They will have the opportunity to experiment with simple mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys that increase the effect of a force.



After half-term, our topic will be '**Properties and Changes of Materials**'. The children will develop their knowledge of how materials vary in hardness, solubility, conductivity and magnetism. They will learn how some materials can dissolve and how mixtures can be separated.



Topic

Our history **topic** for the first half term is 'The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'. The children will be using timelines to explore how the Anglo-Saxons fit into our history and the reasons why they invaded Britain. We will be using primary sources to explore their daily life.



Our geography topic for the second half term is 'Investigating Rivers'. The children will explore the water cycle and also look at how rivers become polluted and what we can do to help. They will also look at how rivers effect the landscape and their different features.



Key dates

- **Inspire Workshops** – Spring Term
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Reminders

- Each child should be **reading** frequently to an adult at home, as well as reading independently daily. Please ensure that children have their reading diaries and reading books with them every day, so that we can read with your child regularly.
- **PE** will be on a **Monday & Wednesday** for both **5B** and **5P**.
- Homework will be set on a **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**.