Miss Taffinder and Miss Wheeler Year 5 Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2 2026

Welcome back to school after an amazing first half-term in Year 5!

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful half-term break. It has been amazing to see all the children return full of energy and smiles, ready for another half-term of exciting learning.

We have had such a fantastic start to Year 5 and are so proud of all of the progress the children have made. This half term we are diving into our new topic all about deserts. We also have lots of exciting activities and events coming in the run up to Christmas. We cannot wait to continue learning and discovering together!

The staff in Year 5: Miss Taffinder and Miss Wheeler

Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hill and Miss Henderson.



PE- Monday

Swimming— Tuesday

Spelling Test— Fridays

Homework given out—Fridays

Homework due in — Fridays





Learning this term

Wild Earth – Deserts

In Geography, the children will be recapping biomes with focus on hot desert biomes and their various characteristics, and the children will map the largest global deserts.
The Mojave Desert is used as a case study to support the children in learning about the physical features of a desert. The children will also consider how humans use deserts and the environmental threats that can occur in this landscape.

As well as English and Maths, the main subjects we will be focusing on within the this term are:

- Science - Forces
- Design Technology - Healthy Soup
- Reading—The Boy at the Back of the Class

Other subjects that will be ongoing through-out the year include: Computing, PE, RE, French, PSHE and Music.

Homework

Weekly– Topic or Purple Mash

Spellings– See homework book.

Reading— A minimum of 3 reads to be recorded in Reading Records.

Maths– TTRS

P.E.

White T shirt

Black/Blue shorts

Trainers

Fleece and jogging bottoms (Winter)

Reading diaries:

We believe that reading is the 'Golden Thread to Learning' and as such we ask that children read a minimum of 3 times each week. All reading must be recorded in Reading Records which will be regularly checked throughout the week.