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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

## Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (1<sup>st</sup> half)

### Message from the teachers

Welcome to Year 5! We are very excited to have the Year 5 children back; there is so much to look forward to this year. We will be learning to play the clarinet in music and exploring the seasons outdoors during Forest School. Furthermore, the children will attend regular swimming lessons too. This letter will give you an idea of some of the lessons your child can look forward to during the first half term.

### Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

### Year 5 Staffing

Meranti class teacher: Miss Rudge

Elm class teacher: Mrs Pankhania

Year 5 learning support assistants: Miss Copley and Miss Heffernan

### Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

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Parent partnership is very important to us, so we have planned a year 5 parent tea/coffee morning in the school hall at 9am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September where you will be able to meet the year 5 staff and talk to them about the year ahead. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

### Homework

Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday. Please return the homework to your class teacher on the Friday of the same week.

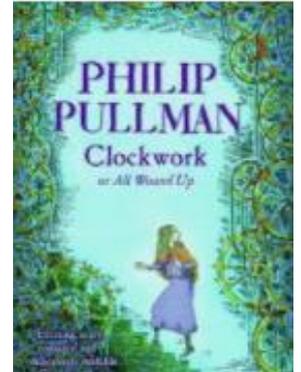
We will be assessing the children's reading ages this week and home reading books, at the appropriate reading level, will be sent home every Monday, starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

## Autumn Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

### English

We will be reading 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman in English this term. We will create 'Journey Tale' stories based on this where a character tries to find their way home. Later this half term, we will use the same text to create a discussion text about whether machines are able to have feelings and be alive.



### Mathematics

In Maths this half term, Year 5 will be developing their knowledge of place value up to 1 million, including decimal places up to thousandths. There will be a focus on all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) before exploring the links of multiples and factors to their times tables knowledge.

### Science

The Year 5 Science unit this term is titled 'Earth and Beyond'. The focus of this unit is on understanding the relationships between orbits and time. Additionally, we will also be completing a moon diary to demonstrate our understanding of the moon phases.



### History

'The Vikings' is the title for the Year 5 History unit this half term. The children will be exploring the daily lives of the Vikings, what drove them to settled in England and why sagas were important to them.

### Art and Design

In Art this term, Year 5 will be exploring the art of architecture through interesting examples of famous and creative architects and architecture such as Hundertwasser design. This will lead to children designing and drawing the plans for their own dream home.



Hundertwasser house



Example of creative architecture

### **Physical Education**

The two P.E. units in Year 5 this half term are 'Invaders' and 'Boot Camp'. Invaders is the sport unit and the children will have fun developing their coordination, balance and agility through Netball. Boot Camp is our fitness unit this half term and focuses on circuit-based activities that get the blood pumping and heart racing. Both Year 5 classes will have their PE session on a Thursday. Please ensure children come in to school wearing weather appropriate clothing in line with the school uniform. On Friday afternoons this half term, Elm class will be going swimming.

### **Forest School**

This year, Year 5 will take part in Forest School, where each class will spend half a term experiencing the different seasons, whilst partaking in outdoor activities. On Friday afternoons, Meranti class will be doing Forest School.

### **French**

The Year 5 French unit this half term is 'Getting To Know You'. The children will learn vocabulary linked to themselves, focusing on what they can do, how they might feel in certain situations and what might happen when they grow up.

### **Religious Education**

Year 5 will be exploring the topic 'Worship' this half term. The children will explore how music, prayer, art, artefacts and freedom all link in with the theme of worship, whilst making links between the main religions.

### **Music**

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Tuesday to teach Year 5 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the clarinet.



### **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education**

'Being Me' is the first PSHE unit, where the children will look forward to the year ahead and make appropriate goals that they would like to achieve, and consider the obstacles that may concern them. They will then be introduced to the universal rights of the child and use these discussions to contribute to the creation of a whole class charter.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Rudge & Mrs Pankhania  
Year 5 teachers