

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Year 5 Curriculum Letter – Summer (1<sup>st</sup> half)

### Message from the teachers

Welcome back! We hope you had an Egg-cellent Easter holiday and are ready for this fun filled 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: Mr Stoddard

Year 5 learning support assistants: Miss Copley, Miss Heffernan and Mrs Roberts

### 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.

[meranticlass@harefieldjunior.com](mailto:meranticlass@harefieldjunior.com)

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### Homework

Homework, will be sent out every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

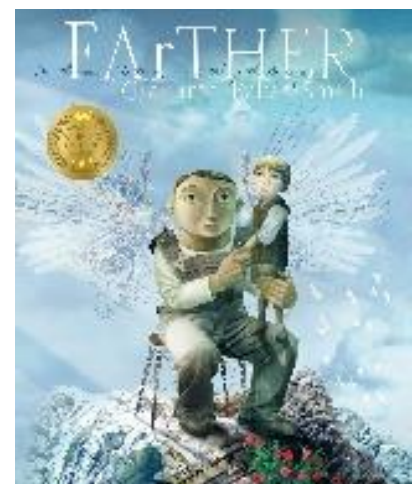
We will be sending new books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

### Summer Term Learning

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

#### English:

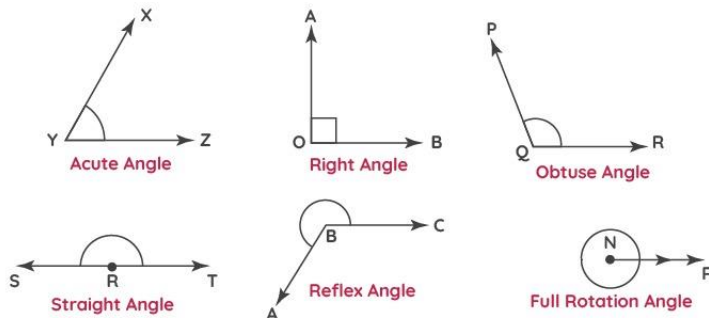
Year 5 will be using the book 'Farther' by Grahame Baker-Smith. A son remembers his father - his dreams of being able to fly as well as spending time together until one day the war takes him away forever. Inspired by this story, we will create a 'Losing Tale' in which a character loses something important to them. Later this half term the children will write a set of instructions on how to build something – an invention like the father's flying machine.



## Mathematics:

In maths this half term, year 5 will be developing their knowledge of shape including classifying and estimating angles; lengths and angles in shapes; regular and irregular polygons. Children will have the opportunity to use a protractor to measure and draw angles.

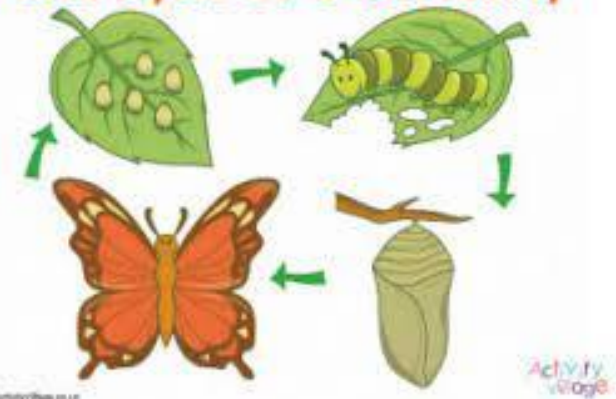
### Types of Angles



## Science:

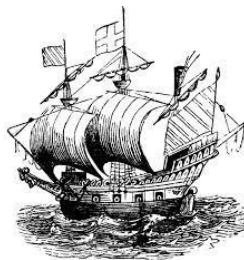
The year 5 science unit this half term is, 'The circle of life' where we investigate and compare the life cycles for humans, animals and plants. The children will learn what a life cycle is and how every cycle starts with birth and ends with death. The children will revisit the differences between amphibians and mammals and learn how the different life cycles work. We will learn about metamorphosis and some endangered animals.

### Life Cycle of a Butterfly



## History:

The children will develop a chronological secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history through exploring the roots and causes of human journeys. An understanding will develop how journeys can be both a positive and negative experience for the travellers. We will hear various stories about historical journeys from the Titanic to the Kinder transports and become aware of the various impacts they can have on an individual.



## Art and Design:

In art and design this half term, Year 5 will be building their art and design skills, working in different mediums and appreciating different artistic techniques.

### **Physical Education:**

The P.E. unit in year 5 this half term is 'Young Olympians'. We will focus on correct running, throwing and jumping techniques. As well as practising for sports day.

Please ensure children come into 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**

Forest School will be taking place each Friday afternoon for Meranti Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

### **French:**

The year 5 French unit this half term is about 'School Life' this unit will teach key vocabulary related to objects, subjects and prepositional language. There is a Maths lesson which teaches the children the names of 2D shapes. The children will learn questions and answers which they would use at school. They will learn key phrases connected to the themes.

### **Religious Education:**

This unit on forgiveness will explore what is meant by forgiveness and the role forgiveness plays in world religions. Children will learn about Jewish beliefs about forgiveness, finding out more about Yom Kippur with a focus on the objects used and what Jewish people do at Yom Kippur. Children will also develop an understanding of Buddhist beliefs about forgiveness, reflecting on how the Eightfold Path influences Buddhists in their approach to forgiveness.

### **Music**

Our specialist music teacher, Mr Lynch, will be in school every Tuesday to teach Year 5 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the clarinet.



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

'Relationships' is this half term's topic. Children will build self-esteem, learn about different types of relationships including friendships and strategies to help negotiate and compromise. Reflecting on emotions, understanding how to manage them as well as the risks involved with online relationships/communications.

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

Yours faithfully

Miss Rudge and Mr Stoddard  
Year 5 teachers