



5M's Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

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Welcome to the final term of Year 5! Your class teacher is: Ms McLay. Other support staff in your classroom: Ms Deana. & Mr Naje Children can come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit – white or house colour t-shirt, navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, black trainers or plimsolls). On swimming days, please ensure your child brings their swimming kit - swim suit/shorts, towel, swimming cap and goggles. This term, PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Swimming will start after October half-term.	Homework is put on Google Classroom on Fridays and is due the following week on Thursdays. The homework each week will be: - Times tables on Times Table Rockstars for at least 30 minutes per week. - Reading – Monday-Thursday 15-25 minutes. Reading should be recorded in their reading record. This will be checked by the teacher. - End of term homework - we ask that each child complete a piece of work of their choice to showcase what they have learnt (in any subject) that term. <i>If you are having any problems accessing Google Classroom, please let your child's class teacher know.</i>
Our Vision and Values: - Respect One Another - Every Individual Matters - Take Responsibility - Strive for Excellence - Try Your Best	Our School rules: - Show Kindness - Listen Actively - Walk Responsibly - Respect Our Environment
Important Dates: Wednesday 30th September - Turn Back the Clock Day Monday 12th October - Parents/carer meeting 1 Wednesday 14th October - Parents/carer meeting 2 Friday 16th October - Wear Red Day: Show Racism the Red Card Friday 16th October - Space evening & planetarium: 6 - 8.30pm	Thursday 22nd - Friday 30th October - Half Term Monday 2nd November - Autumn term 2 begins Friday 4th December - Winter Fair Friday 11th December - children's Christmas lunch Tuesday 15th December - Shakespeare Festival performance Friday 18th December - end of term at 1.30pm Tuesday 5th January - Sprint term begins



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English

Focus Texts: As a class, will be reading 'The Odyssey' by Gillian Cross, 'Freedom Bird' by Jerdine Nolan, 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly and 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare.

Reading: We will be reading our class novel and enjoy reading all the new books in our book corner. Our focus this term is reading fluency and how well we understand what we are reading.

Writing: Our writing is linked to our focus books. This term we will be writing an epic adventure story based on The Odyssey, a biography of Harriet Tubman and a non-chronological report about the four brilliant women in

Maths: This term we will be learning about place value, using column addition and subtraction, including exchanging, and multiplication and division, and fractions. We will also be securing our rapid recall of our times tables, continuing the learning we did in Year 4. We will strive to become resilient and independent mathematicians!

Computing: We will be practising computing systems and networks - systems and searching, and creating videos in media production.

Science: In Science our topics is Earth & Space. We will study the different planets in our solar system, how our Earth orbits the Sun and how the Moon orbits the Earth. We will study the seasons and why days become shorter. As part of this study, a planetarium is visiting our school in October - a really exciting event - and we will use our knowledge to explore our galaxy further.

Autumn Term Curriculum

History/Geography: We will be studying Ancient Greece. We will look at what society was like, what Ancient Greeks believed with their many Gods and myths, architecture, what children did in this era and we will study how the Olympics began. Our learning will conclude by studying how Ancient Greece influenced the modern world.

Modern Foreign Language (Spanish): Our topic is 'Out of this World' where we will be learning planets and space nouns as well as phrases to ask and answer personal questions about ourselves as we imagine taking a trip to Space.

PSHE: The themes of our lessons this term are: 'Being me in my world', 'Who am I and how do I fit?', 'Celebrating difference' and 'Respect for similarity and difference' and 'Anti bullying and being unique'.

RE: We will be exploring Santana Dharma in Hinduism and exploring the question: What is the best way for a Santani to show commitment to God? We will also be studying Humanism and asking: How do inspirational people impact on how Humanists live today?

Art/DT: This term we will be creating our own portraits based on the wonderful work of Mikela Henry-Lowe. We will study what influenced her to create such vivid, colourful portraiture and we will create our own

PE: We will be practising skills in tag rugby outdoors, netball, then basketball indoors, and swimming. Swimming lessons will begin after the October half-term.

Music: In music, we will continue to learn the violin or cello where we will be learning some new songs when plucking and using our bows.