



Year 5 Spring 1



Welcome Back!

The Year 5 team would like to welcome all pupils and their families back and wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful break! We have an exciting half term ahead. We will be finishing off looking at the wonders of space as well as travelling back in time looking at ancient Egypt and all the fascinating facts it has to offer!

Reminders

- Listen to your child read daily and sign their diary.
- Bring signed reading books into school daily.
- Label all your children's belongings – children to bring a drink of water – no fizzy pop, Prime or milkshakes please.
- Please stand back from the gate when collecting and be patient as we continue to familiarise ourselves with each parent. We want to see each person collecting clearly to ensure we dismiss safely.



We encourage children can bring a healthy snack into school for breaktime.

Fresh fruit is not provided in KS2.

Key Dates

PE

BOTH year 5 classes now have PE on a **FRIDAY**

Swimming

Year 5 continue to swim on **Wednesdays** this half term. *Please arrive in uniform with swimming costumes / trunks, towel and goggles in a bag. Jewellery to be removed and long hair tied back.*

5A will finish swimming on **WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2026**

Websites

Please ensure you have access to the below websites - personal login details have been shared. Please contact the office if reminders are needed.

Seesaw, Times Tables Rock Stars, Sumdog and Prodigy

English

This half term we will be exploring a next text called *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll. We cannot wait to delve into the mysterious book.

Within writing, we will begin this half term we will begin by looking at narratives and the children being given the opportunity to apply all the previously taught skills in their own adventurous narrative!

As part of punctuation and grammar lessons, we will be looking at word classes identifying the difference between nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and determiners.

History & Geography

Our topic is **Pharaohs**. Ancient Egypt is our focus across the whole of Spring term. This starts with Year Five learning about the pharaohs, the location of the country, and the importance of the River Nile.

As part of this topic we will make Death Mask, **please save and send in any newspapers!**

PSHE & RE

Our key question of enquiry in R.E. is **'Are Sikh stories important today?'** Year Five will read and discuss a range of stories from Sikhism in order to decide on their answer.

Dreams and Goals is our focus in PSHE this half term. Year Five will be thinking about their futures, what careers they could have and what is needed to achieve their goals.

Science

Scientific Enquiry and all the skills necessary to carry out a fair test will be developed. From prediction, planning and carrying out a practical investigation and conclusion.

MFL

Shopping in France will allow Year Five to develop their spoken French language, ready for an everyday shopping trip in France.

Maths

This half term our focus is on developing our **written strategies** with **multiplication** and **division** and **fractions**. Year Five will work up to multiplying four-digit numbers by a two-digit number alongside developing efficient methods of division. Fractions builds on their Year Four knowledge with finding equivalent fractions to both unit and non-unit fractions.

Key maths vocabulary

multiply, multiple, product, times, division, divide, remainders, fractions, equivalent, fractions, improper fractions, convert, order

Physical Education – dance and swimming

Dance by Chance and **Rock and Roll** styles of dance will be explored. Also, the impact of changing the dynamics and space to see the impact on their performances.

Music

Composing and Chords. In this unit, Year Five will use chords in compositions to create music that is really interesting. When you play three or more pitches together, you can create chords in music.

Computing

Data handling: Mars Rover 2 Identifying some of the types of data that the Mars Rover collects and explaining how the Mars Rover transmits the data back to Earth. Children will identify the use of pixels and different image files which would be best for task of sending images back to Earth from Mars.

Art

Our unit is **'Fashion Designer'**. Year 5 will find out about the work and styles of Alice Fox, Rahul Mishra, Pyer Moss and Tatyana Antoun before using their sketchbooks to create designs to match a design brief. This unit ends with transforming the 2D designs into 3D!