

November 2025

Information for parents and carers of children in Year 5- Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half-term break and we are looking forward to the term ahead.

Reading

Our class texts this half term are 'The Lost Happy Endings' and 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy and our Guided Reading text is 'Earth's Incredible Places: Everest' by Sangma Francis and Lisk Feng. Please make sure your child reads on a daily basis and makes an entry in their reading diary. Book bags and reading diaries should be brought in **every day** to support the Accelerated Reader programme we are running in school. Reading is monitored by class adults daily and feedback is given to children.

Spellings:

We will continue to work on the statutory word list for Years 5 / 6, as well as focusing specifically on: proofreading, building new words from root words, homophones and strategies for learning the statutory words. To aid their writing, we will also be practising how to use a dictionary and thesaurus correctly to check spellings and find new vocabulary.

Maths

Please continue to encourage your child to regularly practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars. You can access the website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>

Topics:

This half term our Geography topic is 'Why are mountains so important?' and our Science topic is on Forces.

PE:

Children will need to wear suitable clothing for PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Monday's lesson will be football or netball, which will be outside, and Wednesday's lesson will be dance or gymnastics which will be inside. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it. Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing for these days, especially as the weather is getting colder.

General reminders:

- Bring in a water bottle daily
- As the weather becomes cooler, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat.

We are always happy to speak with parents. Please do catch us at the end of the day if you have a quick question or contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Bright and Mrs MacDonald
Year 5 teachers