

Year 5

Autumn 2021 Topic Letter

Welcome to Year 5! We have all been impressed with how quickly the children have settled down into their new classes. We are looking forward to a productive, hardworking and fun term together!

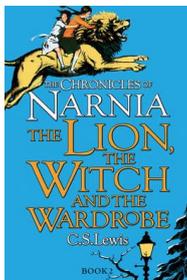
Reading

Miss Traynor's Group



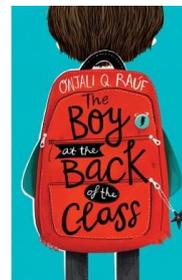
The Girl who stole an Elephant
Nizrana Farook

Mrs Shaw's Group



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
C.S. Lewis

Miss Walker's Group



Boy at the Back of the Class
Onjali Q Rauf

Year 5 have already launched into their new class reads and are very much enjoying getting stuck into new adventures! As we explore our class texts, children will spend time discussing what they have read, exploring the language, characters and events of the book. Children will be responding to their text through written comprehension activities and then will apply their skills to a variety of other texts, from different genres. We will primarily be focusing on the skills of retrieval and identifying the meaning of unknown vocabulary.

We are taking the time to ensure children are fluent and confident readers so they will continue to be asked to read aloud throughout the day and the week. Please support us in this by listening to your child read aloud at home too, no matter how confident they are! Reading aloud enables children to develop appropriate expression and also provides the opportunity to hear and correct any errors they may be making.

Writing



In Autumn, we will be looking at consolidating grammar concepts from the Year 4, as well as introducing new grammar skills from the Year 5 curriculum. We will be applying our writing skills to both fiction and non-fiction writing, in the form of non-chronological reports and narratives.

Spelling continues to be essential to writing; we will be recapping the Year 3 and 4 key words so that children are confident in their application in writing, as well as introducing some Year 5 spelling rules. Children will be set weekly spellings in line with what we are focusing on in school. Please support your child by ensuring that they practice their spellings at home each week.

Maths

During the Autumn term, the main focus will be on place value and the four operations. We will also be spending time applying the four operations to problem solving and reasoning questions.



Another main focus will be fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will need to be able to find equivalent fractions and find fractions of amounts and quantities.

Times table recall continues to be a priority as every child should know multiplication and corresponding division facts up to 12×12 and be able to recall these quickly. Accurate recall is vital as the multiplication tables underpin everything we do in Maths. Children should continue to practice these at home.

Science



Over the Autumn term, we will be covering materials and their properties. The children will look at why certain materials are chosen for certain things and begin to compare the properties of different materials. They will continue to work on their scientific enquiry skills by carrying out investigations.

PE

Year 5 will have PE every Wednesday, and they will be focusing on movement through athletics. They will be spending as many lessons outside as possible, so please make sure your child comes to school with a warm PE kit, as well as a water bottle.



PSHE



Within our PSHE lessons Year 5 will be looking at healthy relationships. They will explore the different types of friendships that people can have and whether all friendships are positive. We will also cover conflict resolution and look at strategies of how we can solve conflict.

Across the Curriculum

As we continue to explore a wide range of subjects across the curriculum, we will be taking every opportunity to read, discuss and respond to a wide range of texts together to support our learning and understanding. We believe that reading is an essential life skill, as well as an enjoyable experience which we want to nurture in all of our children. We will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons in History and creating Anglo-Saxon illuminations in our Art lessons.



Year 5 are also very lucky to be receiving chess lessons from an external coach. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill which aids problem-solving.

To remember:

Homework	Set	Due
English	Monday	Thursday
Maths	Thursday	Monday
Reading	Children need to read aloud daily, and have their Reading Diary signed by an adult at home.	

PE is on a Wednesday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through the school office.

Miss Traynor

Mrs Shaw

Miss Walker

Mrs Sills