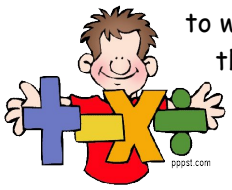
Year 5 Autumn 1 Termly Newsletter - September 2026

Dear Parents/carers,
Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that you have had a good summer. This letter is to inform you of the work that we shall be covering this half term and ways in which you can help your child. As always, we will be relying on your support to help your child reach their potential.



Literacy: In our literacy lessons, we continue our 'Pathways to Write' approach which introduces children to a range of lovely texts. This half term our writing outcomes are based around writing diaries linked to famous people. We will also be learning and writing poetry. The children will be focussing their grammar work around fronted adverbials and commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity when writing. We continue to focus on reading for pleasure as well as developing their reading skills. We want children to enjoy reading therefore we are encouraging them to read books they enjoy so that they become life-long readers. We are still encouraging parents to read stories to their child. The children will have a reading record to keep at track of their reading. Children will have a book in class to read independently and a book to read at home. Spelling is an important focus in class and the children will be practising spellings and patterns regularly throughout the week – this will be based on the Supersonic phonic friends spelling to link with the phonics programme which is taught in EYFS and KS1. Assessment of spellings will be on-going throughout the week and there will be a dictation exercise to check their understanding. We will be expecting them to apply the new spellings to their writing. The weekly spellings for the whole of the term will be in their independent learning log. They can practice the spellings at home but it is important that they know the meaning of the words and how to use them and to be able to apply the pattern.

Maths: The children worked very hard on their times tables last year and this will be crucial going forward in year 5. We will continue to work on developing excellent arithmetic skills. If your child is not secure with any of the times tables please continue to work with them at home as this will be advantageous. The children still have their TT Rockstars log in details so they can practise regularly. The main focus in maths for Autumn 1 will be place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.



Topic & Science: Our topics this term are local area in geography and materials in science. The children will complete lots of different activities which involve investigating the properties of different materials and their behaviour, how they change and how we can separate them.



Independent Learning Logs: Each child will be issued with a learning log to further explore topics. Children can use this to do some independent research, practice their spellings in sentences and to practice their maths.

PE, Games and Outdoor Learning:
The PE will alternate each week on Mondays and Wednesdays. A sports provider will lead the Monday session. Children will need their PE kits on Mondays on the weeks commencing 7/9, 21/9, 5/10 and 19/10. The other weeks, the PE will be on Wednesdays (16/9, 30/9, 14/10)

The children can come in their PE kits on these days. The children must wear school PE uniform – no branded clothing except for trainers. No jewellery is allowed at all in these sessions so please ensure children do not come to school wearing earrings on those days. Children will need to bring their outdoor clothing to school every **Friday**

Staff in Year 5: Mrs Adams will be teaching Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings and Friday. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Whitter will be the teacher on Mondays. Mrs Alston and Ms Whelan will be supporting the class for an hour every morning and Mrs Alston will be teaching Thursday afternoons. The carousel continues as in previous years on the Monday afternoon.

Homework

This term you can help your child by ensuring that they read/or are read to as often as possible and that they complete their homework which is closely linked to the work in class – this helps your child to consolidate learning.

Homework will be given out on Fridays and marked the following Friday. Spellings will be on Mondays with Mrs Richardson and Mrs Whitter. Weekly homework includes spellings, maths (sheet and/or TT Rockstars and reading.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 10th September – reading meeting at 3:45
Friday 11th September – 3.30 Welcome meeting for parents in year 5 classroom
Tuesday 20th October - Parent's Evening
22nd October – No red card treat
23rd October – Last day of half term

At Blackshaw, we value the strong communication between home and school. Year 5 drop in session for a quick chat is on Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.00 - For more detailed discussions regarding your child please contact the office so that we can make an appointment to speak further. Dojos are an excellent way of communicating about your child's achievements, approaches to learning and behaviour and for any messages and reminders from the class teacher so please make sure you have access to this resource. Just remember that class teachers will read messages at different times of the day therefore if your message is urgent please contact/dojo the office. Messages sent out of school hours will not be responded to immediately.

Absences and changes to personal information must be communicated through the office.

We are really excited about working with you this year so that your child can achieve and grow.

Thank you for your continuing support

Mrs Adams and the Year 5 Team