Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026 - 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to welcome everyone back for another fantastic year in Year 5! The team this year includes Miss Regan-Hart in Gandhi Class, Ms Khan in Luther King Class, and Miss Patel in Malala Class. The Phase Leader, Mrs Bacon, will also be supporting the year group.

We have an exciting half term ahead! In Geography, we'll be exploring the Alps; in RE, we'll be asking, "What do different people believe about God?" In Science, we'll be learning how to separate mixtures, and in French, we'll be talking about pets. We will also be starting our Swimming sessions, beginning with Gandhi class!

All the teachers are really looking forward to a brilliant year of learning and growth. Please help support your child by ensuring they are completing their homework and reading regularly at home.

English

This half term, we will be using the core text Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg. The application task will be to write a series of diaries about significant events in Annie Edson Taylor's life.

Skills included are:

- Identify the audience for and purpose of writing
- Organise paragraphs around a theme with a focus on more complex narrative structures
- Use commas after fronted adverbials

Maths

This half term, we will be learning about the following topics:

- Reasoning with large whole integers
- Integer addition and subtraction
- Line graphs and timetables

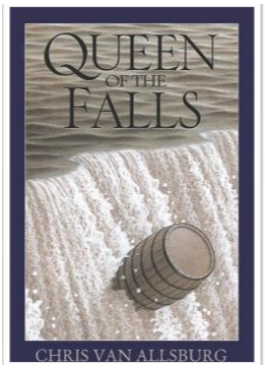
Children will be using various resources in line with the concrete, pictorial and abstract (CPA) approach. These resources will include:
Place value counters
Dienes
Bead Strings

Science and Foundation Subjects

This half term, children will be learning about the following topics in each subject.

Science: Materials: Mixtures and separation
Computing: Online Safety 1
Programming 1: Music
Geography: What's life like in the Alps?
Religious Education: What do different people believe about God?
Design and Technology: Electrical Systems: Wobble Bots
PSHE/RHE: Families and Relationships
French: French Monster Pets
Music: Interesting rhythms, untuned percussion & Cyclic drumming

Everyone a Learner

• Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing  		

Extra Information:		
Homework	PE Days	Other Information:
Homework will be set on Wednesday on Doodle Children will need complete it by the following Wednesday. Homework consists of; - Maths - Reading comprehension - Grammar - Spelling - Oxford Reading Buddy	Outdoor PE will take place on TUESDAY Indoor PE: please see Dojo Class Story for information about **Swimming on Friday** Children are expected to arrive at school in the correct PE uniform for all PE lessons.	**21st- 23rd October – Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor** **Pupil progress meetings starting from October 20th** – Booking links will be sent out. **26th October – 30st October –** Half Term