



## Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5 and the Autumn Term!

We are so pleased to have the children back after the summer break! We are busy planning lots of exciting activities for the year ahead, including a visit from a planetarium, team building activities and theme days. Make sure that you keep an eye on the school newsletter as dates will be added once confirmed.



### Meet the Year 5 Team

Rowan Class – Miss Wilson

Willow Class – Miss Gould

PPA Cover: Mrs Clough, Mrs Maina & Ms Phillips

Support Staff – Mrs Westen & Mrs Steel

### Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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### The Year 5 Autumn Curriculum

We will begin the year with lots of exciting activities!

In English, we will be focusing on the book *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells and will be using this as inspiration for our setting descriptions.

In Maths, we will continue developing understanding of Place Value as well as looking at the application of the four number operations, problem solving and reasoning. When we know our number facts, especially times tables and number bonds, we are able to calculate much more efficiently in maths. To help your children with their maths, please encourage them to practise these facts as much as possible. Useful websites include:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

and to participate in the times tables challenge of Times Tables Rock Stars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Our Humanities topic this half term is Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes and this focusses on the physical features of geography including the globe.

In Science, we will be focusing on forces.

## Equipment

- **Reading Record and Reading Book**
- Small Pencil Case
- Pencil
- Black Handwriting pen
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Glue stick (optional)
- Coloured Pencils
- Felt Pens (optional)
- Small rucksack (that can be hung on the back of their chair)
- A filled water bottle with secure lid.

**Please make sure ALL items are named!**

## Dates for your diary

Visit to Juniper Hall – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

INSET Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term – 27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October

## Admin Info

Please keep the office up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances, including medical requirements (i.e. inhalers).

## PE - Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday

PE Kit – we will **always** try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing every week!

- *White School Logo Polo shirt*
- *Plain navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms*
- *Plain navy blue sweatshirt/hoodie*
- *Trainers (not school shoes)*

Please note: Children with pierced ears will also need to remove their own earrings. Surrey guidelines dictate that children are not allowed to apply tape or plasters to their ears.

It is best to take earrings out and leave them at home on a Tuesday and Thursday.

All children with long hair must keep it tied back with a hair elastic.

## Online Safety

Social networks, apps, online streaming and computer games.

Please make sure that what your child is accessing online and on their consoles is age appropriate.

Be aware of age restrictions for social network accounts and control what they are posting online and in messaging apps (WhatsApp, Messenger etc.)

Have appropriate parental controls in place on all devices and online streaming accounts (Netflix, Prime etc.)

## Reading at Home

It is REALLY important that your child reads REGULARLY at home – reading stamina is a key aspect to success.

Please enjoy a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction, with your children; we want children to develop a love of reading. Magazines and newspapers are a great way to engage more reluctant readers.

If appropriate, ask questions to check their understanding of the text; discuss what the book is about.

Please encourage children to keep a record of what and when they read in their reading diaries and remember to sign these 4 times a week so that your child can work towards their reading certificate!

## Year 5 Homework

Children will be set online homework each Monday on Seesaw. This will usually consist of one maths and one Grammar activity alongside practising spellings on Spelling Shed. They will have a **week** to complete these tasks. If your child has any problems accessing Seesaw please contact their class teacher.

Children will also be able to access activities on TT Rock Stars. All logins and passwords for these are in the children's Reading Record so they are easily accessible.