

Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

Welcome to Year 5 and the Summer Term.

Welcome to the summer term. We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holidays. We are very much looking forward to starting our Summer term as we have a busy time ahead of us with lots of exciting things planned.

Reading – Reading for pleasure and the enjoyment of a range of texts is the key to reading success. Reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books, magazines or newspapers they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading. So, snuggle up and get reading together. We will be building on and developing a range of reading skills in Year 5 including: reading fluently and with expression, using inference and deduction to answer questions about a text and choosing appropriate books that interest them.

Just a reminder to complete your child's reading record once you've heard them read or read to them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. Remember, children who achieve this will get a raffle ticket and go into a weekly draw for a chance to win a book from our vending machine!

PE - Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. As we go into the warmer months, it is really important that the children are dressed appropriately. We will always try to go out in all weathers and want every child to enjoy their PE lessons in the best way so please do ensure that your child has navy blue shorts and a white PE polo shirt with the school logo on to wear when it is warm and that they have navy tracksuit that they can use in cold and damp weather. It is important that children with pierced ears can **remove their own earrings** and those with **long hair (below shoulder length) have this tied up**.

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

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17th April – RSE meeting for parents
- 24th April – Willow trip to RGS
- 1st May – Rowan trip to RGS
- 20th May – Class photos
- 21st May – Trip to Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking
- 22nd May – Sports Day
- 23rd – 29th May – Half Term

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle.
- During the Summer term, it can get very hot; please send your child in with a sun hat that they can wear while they are outside. When it is warm, it is important to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive to school.
- Please make sure your child has got everything they need in their pencil case – a black handwriting pen (not a biro), a pencil, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a glue stick.



Geography

In Geography this half term we are expanding upon our knowledge of Europe.

We are developing our locational understanding so that we are able to locate countries, cities and key physical features of other areas within Europe such as rivers and mountain ranges. We will use this understanding to compare countries and cities to each other.



English

In English, we are using the book *Treason* by Berlie Doherty. This historical fiction is set in Tudor times and deals with the intrigue, ambitions and fears in Henry VIII's court, seen through the eyes of 11 year old Will Montague, page to the little Prince Edward. We shall be writing discussion texts and narratives using the book as our inspiration. We shall also visit RGS for some Tudor themed workshops.



PE

As we enter the warmer months of the year, the children will begin outdoor sports for both their PE sessions throughout the week. This will include athletics and tag rugby.



Computing

For this half term, the children are developing their understanding of spreadsheets using Google Sheets



This Half Term our topics are:

Animals, Including Humans

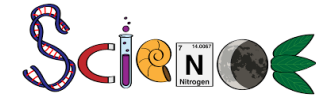
and

Exploring Europe



Science

This half term in Science, we will begin to learn about animal life cycles, including those of humans.



PSHE



Growing & Changing

We will be looking at identifying emotions and how we develop and change as we grow.

Maths



We will begin this half term by looking at position and direction. In this unit, we look at plotting coordinates, lines of symmetry and reflection in horizontal and vertical lines. We will then begin our second unit of decimals; this time, focusing on how to add and subtract decimals.

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9.3	0.7	1.24
8.2	0.1	2.2
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Our religious focus for this half term looks at Islam. The children will learn about The Five Pillars of Islam, some of the rites of passage for a Muslim and try to answer the question: What helps Muslims lead a good life? We will also be visiting the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking.

DT

In Design Technology, we will be focusing on food technology. We will look at European food. We build on skills learnt in previous years and will look at where and how ingredients are grown and sourced. We will compare costs of ingredients and the children will learn how to adapt a recipe.



Music

We are learning all about musical theatre this half term in music. We begin by looking at its history and then the different elements that make up a musical.



Spanish

This half term, we will be learning about different types of Spanish celebrations.

