



Year 5 Autumn 2023 Newsletter



Welcome back!!

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to say a big hello to everyone in Year 5! Hopefully you all had a lovely summer; the children seem refreshed and raring to go for this term. We are delighted with the start pupils have made so far and we look forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings as we all get used to the new routines this year.

Weekly routine:

PE days

Both India Class and Egypt Class will have a PE lesson with Mr Warnes every Tuesday. Each class will have a two hour PE lesson with Mr Pope every other Friday. You will receive a text from the school to remind you about PE kit.

Music

Music will be every Thursday so please ensure your child has their instrument with them.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and will consist of:

- A maths quiz on Google Classroom
- TTRockstars 20 minutes per week practise
- A Big Spell word list to learn (Use Big Spell books to practise).
- Reading 3 x per week (see reading section of this newsletter.)

For any pupils who struggle to fit in their homework at home, teachers will provide an opportunity for pupils to complete it during a lunchtime break.

Login details for Google Classroom and TTRockstars can be found in your child's planner. Google classroom will also be used for communication and messages, as well as homework.

Please note that homework is compulsory for all pupils in year 5 and 6.

Please ensure homework is completed by the following Friday, before school.

We are continuing with the reading challenge and children will be rewarded for the variety of books and authors they read. The challenges they choose to complete must be based on new books that have been read for the first time. Please do support your child with this. All of the details can be found in your child's planner.

Why not try to build in a weekly book chat about the books you and your child are reading?

- *Share reading aloud to each other
- * Talk about favourite authors, genres and illustrators
- *Discuss any new vocabulary you've encountered during the week

Times Tables

We are continuing to encourage the children to improve their times tables knowledge. This essential skill will really help your child to make good progress in maths this year. **Timetables Rockstars** is a fantastic way to encourage your child to practise their tables regularly. Please let us know if you have difficulty accessing this at home.

Curriculum - Autumn 2023

English Grammar Revision Tom Gates War poetry Dickens Guided reading Iron Man, Kensuke's Kingdom	Maths Reasoning with whole large integers Integer addition and subtraction Line graphs and timetables Multiplication and division Perimeter and area
Science Forces Materials and their properties	History
Geography Coasts Scandinavia	Music Introduction to the orchestra
Art Colour theory, perspective zines, Scandinavian art	French Greetings and introductions Days of the week Dates and months
RE How do people start their journey of faith? How does Jesus inspire Christians?	PSHE - Life skills Laws, taking responsibility for our community, diversity, parliament and elections, societies, what is meant by debt
PE Real PE Tag-rugby	Computing Systems and networks Vector drawings
DT Live well - Eat well Healthy eating (soup project)	Other weekly sessions: Big Spell, times tables test, maths meetings, library

Year 5 team

Mr Warnes - India Class teacher
Mr Brookes - Egypt Class teacher

Mrs Walsh - Teaching Assistant
Miss Empson - Classroom Assistant
Mr Stowell - Classroom Assistant (1:1)

Mrs Ashdown - Art teacher (HLTA)
Mr Pope - PE teacher (HLTA)

Mrs Barber - Music teacher
Mr Stowell - Music teacher
Mrs Hammond - French teacher

Diary dates:

Friday 29/09/23 @ 9:00am
Meet the Year 5 Team!

10/10/23 - Family Learning Afternoon
23/10/23 - Half Term Break
7/11/23 - Parents Evening
8/11/23 - Parents Evening
19/12/23 - Christmas service
20/12/23 - Last day of term

Please note all dates are subject to change. Up to date information will be on the fortnightly school newsletter.

Social media

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information for parents



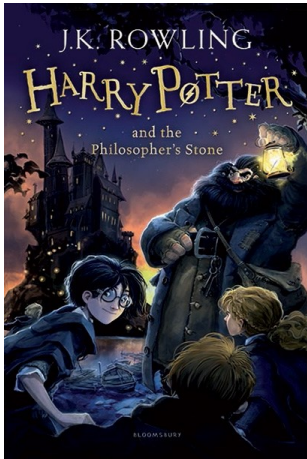
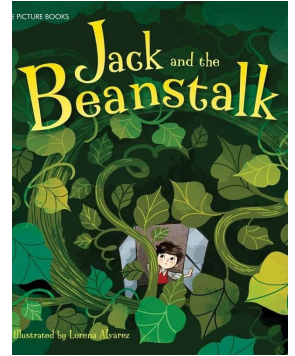
Accelerated Reader

NEW THIS YEAR!

Accelerated Reader (AR) is used at BVS to support children in picking the most appropriate books for their level of independent reading. After children finish their AR book, they are required to complete a quiz.

In addition, pupils will be allowed to check out a second 'reading for pleasure book' which some pupils may need adult support to enjoy. This means pupils can now have 2 school library books at once.

For more information about Accelerated Reader, see pages 77-80 of your child's planner or come to our Meet the Team meeting on Monday!



Why read at home?

Research shows that children who read books regularly at home, reap a whole host of academic and social benefits including...

- * higher test scores
- * reading age increases
- * are more likely to read in later life
- * better understanding of grammar
- * increased general knowledge
- * wider knowledge of other cultures
- * increased empathy with others
- * better reading comprehension
- * increased vocabulary
- * improved confidence

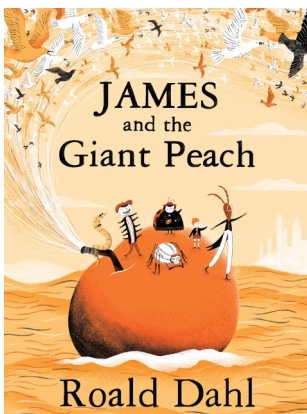
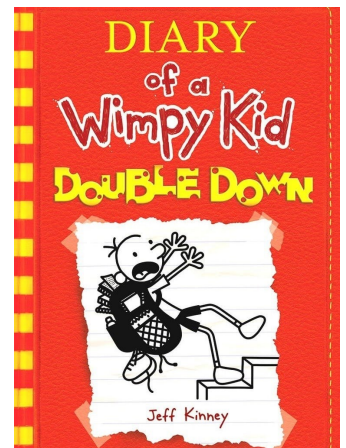


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However...



- Studies have shown that reading newspapers, magazine, online articles, emails or text messages **do not support pupils** in these ways.
- For this reason, we are asking that pupils **read a book** for their homework, and **not something else**.
- This could be fiction or non-fiction, however research would indicate that reading a range of **fiction supports pupils best**.



"But my child can read alone and doesn't want to read to me."

Great! But there are still benefits to be had from reading aloud. Ideally, this is how we would like pupils to complete their homework. However, that may not work for everyone.

- Perhaps you could read to them instead for a session?
- Perhaps they could read just the first paragraph to you?
- Perhaps you could alternate reading paragraphs to each other?

