

General Information and Reminders

Top tips for supporting at home this term:

We have thought carefully about some key areas of the curriculum that can be supported at home. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- **Reading (fluency and comprehension)** - Reading aloud regularly at home with an adult, focusing on comprehension of texts, will help children to access all areas of the curriculum and gain a better understanding of the things they read.
- **Times Tables** - Following the children's great efforts during the National Statutory Multiplication Check last summer, it is important that they continue to practise their times tables to x12 (and their inverse) - e.g. $11 \times 11 = 132$ then $132 \div 11 = ?$ Being able to rapidly recall these number facts, will really help them master long multiplication and tackle complex fraction problems in Year 5.
- **Arithmetic skills** - Similar to last year, in Year 5, the children will be completing weekly arithmetic papers which go home every Thursday in their homework folders. To support their success, it would be very helpful if you could choose a couple of questions they answered incorrectly for them to practise each week.

PE

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day: blue shorts/tracksuit trousers, a grey t shirt, plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside. **Please ensure all clothes and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.**



Trips and key dates for this term

Thursday 24th September: Buckingham Palace trip

Monday 23rd November: Trip to the British Museum to see the Bayeux Tapestry

Thursday 26th November, 3.20pm: whole school Art Exhibition

Wednesday 16th December, 2pm KS2 Carol singing

Please also see dates in school newsletters

Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on **Wednesday 2nd December** at 10am. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Tuesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term. In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set, that is fine. We all work at different levels and speeds, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Reminders



- Please ensure all school clothes/coats are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's

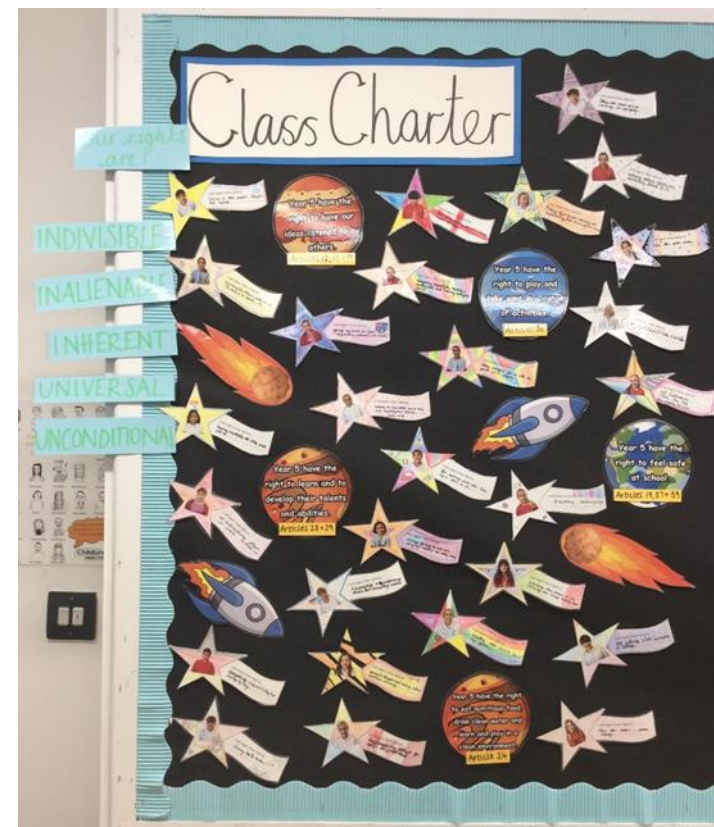
water bottle is in school every day.

- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays - we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class.



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Welcome to Year 5

Autumn Term 2026



Year Five

Class Teacher: Miss Edmunds

Other teachers working with Year 5: Mr Spadaccini (PE),
Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing), Ms Dias (French)

Our whole team of excellent teaching assistants work in classes and playgrounds across the school.

Welcome to Year 5 and to a new and exciting school year!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 5 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to meet with me.

Remember the school day starts at 8.50am when the bell rings in the playground - please make it a new school year resolution to help your child to be on time every day!

Best wishes, Miss Edmunds

'Try Something New' week!

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Look out for 'Try something new' week between 12th - 16th October! Year 6 will be trying lots of new things during the week at their residential trip to a PGL activity centre in Dorset while all the other classes will be trying lots of new activities at school and on local trips.

We know that trying new activities helps to keep us interested and curious which helps our well-being and positive mental health. We use the week to talk to children about how they feel before and after trying something new and to help children to build resilience and overcome any anxiety about new activities. Look out for curling, kayaking and bread-making!

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English



We are studying persuasive writing this term and will explore a range of persuasive texts, including advertisements, letters, reviews and speeches, to learn about key grammatical features (including modal verbs, subordinate conjunctions and adverbs) and discover how to become masters of persuasion! Our class book is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, which will inspire our next unit on classic fiction.

Maths



Topics:	Key Learning:
Number and Place Value	Read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1 000 000 and determine the value of each digit
Addition and Subtraction	Using mental and written calculations, inverse operations, estimating and checking answers and problem solving
Multiplication and Division	Multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. Divide 4-digit numbers with remainders. Solve multi-step word problems.
Fractions	Recognising and comparing fractions, adding and subtracting mixed numbers and fractions with different denominators, problem solving.

Computing



We will be using programs, such as Word to publish some of our written work in English. We will also use Rodocodo to create functions, loops and to debug.



We will start by learning about the life of Jesus Christ, in particular thinking about the miracles he performed. One of the questions we will consider is if people have to visit a specific place for miracles to happen or whether faith is all you need. As part of this, we will look at proverbs from the Bible. At Christmas time, we will consider how the Christmas story is represented through art and music and how this can help people to express their own faith.

History



We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, considering the way in which they settled on our shores. We will learn how the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain and how they lived their lives, including how their kingdoms were ruled. We will also learn about the Domesday book, the events of 1066 and their impact on Britain.

Geography



We will be learning about mountains and rivers, investigating how they are formed, where major mountain ranges and rivers are and how the water cycle links the two. We will also choose some mountains and rivers to research in more detail and consider the effects of tourism in these environments and whether this is a positive thing.

PSHE



PSHE week will take place in the week commencing 9th November and will focus on positive relationships and friendships as well as celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day. In Year 5 we will be learning about strategies to improve or support courteous, respectful relationships. We will be learning about challenging stereotypes and we will become Anti Bullying Champions!

PE



In PE lessons, we will be practising ball skills in basketball: handling and passing, dribbling, shooting and defending. We will also be learning about netball including pivoting and passing as well as game play.

Music



I Gotta Feeling / What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor - The children will learn about the context, history, and purpose of sea shanties as work songs, the activities in this unit provide inspiration for pupils to create rhythm games and a class arrangement using their voices and instruments. They will also continue their instrumental and ensemble skills through learning and performing 'I Gotta Feeling' in their bands.

Art



We will be designing and making Anglo-Saxon brooches, responding to examples of historic art and design, and developing techniques in manipulating modelling clay. We will also be creating artwork for our school arts project - details coming soon!

Design + Technology



We will be making seasonal biscuits as Christmas gifts, thinking specifically about how to use a range of techniques such as mixing and baking and thinking about culture and seasonality in food.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!