



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Also remember:

- Come to school dressed in your PE kit on your PE day: **Thursday**

Reading

This term, the children will be reading *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin. This fantasy adventure, inspired by Chinese folklore, follows the journey of Minli as she sets out to change her family's fortune. Throughout the unit, the children will explore key vocabulary and take part in discussions to deepen their understanding of the story and its themes.



Writing

This half term, the children will be developing their grammar skills alongside learning to write a 'defeating the monster' story, using *The Lost Happy Endings* as a model text. They will explore the structure of this type of narrative and learn a range of techniques to help them build tension and engage the reader throughout their writing.



Key dates

14th September – clubs start

17th September - meet the teacher (straight after school)

22nd September @7pm – Parent talk online about 'Smartphone free childhood' (details to follow)

30th September – school photos

9th October - Harvest assembly

13th October - Parents' evening

15th October – Parents' evening

19th – 30th October - Half-term

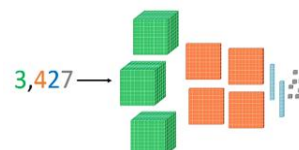
13th November – Children in Need

10th December – Sponsored reindeer run for Phyllis Tuckwell

18th December - End of term

Maths

This half term, the children will be developing their understanding of place value by exploring how numbers are composed and represented in different ways. They will also learn and practice a range of both mental and written methods for addition and subtraction, building confidence and accuracy in their calculations.



Science

This half term, the children will be learning about the life cycles of different animals, including mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They will develop their understanding by comparing how these life cycles differ. In addition, the children will learn about how plants reproduce and will be introduced to some famous naturalists and their contributions to science.



History

This half term, the children will explore how Britain was conquered by the Roman Empire and what life was like during Roman rule. They will then learn about what happened when the Romans left Britain, including how the Anglo-Saxons arrived and settled, and how these changes shaped life in Britain.



Art

This half term, the children will be looking at landscapes and how they can draw them using tone, shape and texture. They will also look at Frida Kahlo and her contributions to surrealism before creating their very own surrealist landscapes.



PE

This half term, the children will be focusing on invasion games, with a particular emphasis on netball. They will develop key skills such as throwing, catching, pivoting, defending and attacking, while also learning how to apply these skills in team play.



RE

This half term, the children will be learning about Hinduism and exploring some of its key beliefs. This will include learning about the main Hindu gods and deities, the concept of reincarnation, and how these beliefs influence the way Hindu people live their lives.



PSHE

This half term, the children will be focusing on understanding their identities. They will explore what makes each person unique and discuss how identity is shaped. The children will also learn about stereotypes and consider the impact these can have on individuals and communities.



French

This half term, the children will learn how to describe family members, including the vocabulary for parents and siblings. They will also build on their previous learning by developing their understanding of numbers from 10 to 70.



Suggested books for reading

