



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary
- Come to school dressed in your PE kit on your PE day

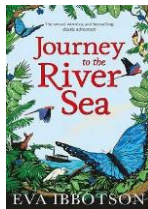
Home learning:

5 reads a week, 10 minutes of online multiplication times tables practise each week using Times Tables Rock Stars and one task (or more) each half term from the home learning sheet sent out for your year group.

Reading

This half term the children will complete 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon' by Grace Lin. Their new text will be 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This is an adventure story following Maia, an orphan girl, who travels to South America to live with relatives.

The children will continue to be primary, secondary and independent readers, whilst also developing their comprehension skills.



Writing

In their language lessons, the children will be practicing the use of different sentence types before moving on to develop their confidence in using direct speech.

In their composition lessons, the children will complete their narrative unit by writing an independent portal story. The children will then move on to a piece of writing with the purpose to inform - a recount text in the form of a newspaper report.



Key dates

- **Weds 27th November** - deadline for booking Christmas lunch
- **Mon 9th December 9.00am** - Rocksteady concert for any children who take part in Rocksteady lessons
- **Weds 11th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Fri 20th December** - end of term, finish at 1:30pm
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 23rd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan**

Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.hale.kite.academy/news-and-events/term-dates/>

Further dates will be added in due course.

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be learning how to find and recognise equivalent fractions. They will be converting fractions into mixed numbers, as well as converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. Then they will compare and order different fractions. The children will later move onto adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.



Science

In science the children will be learning about the changes as humans develop to old age. The children will learn about the different stages of human development before researching whether larger animals have longer gestation periods.



History

In history the children will be learning about how the Romans conquered Britain and how this affected life for the Britons. They will explore how the Romans came to leave Britain and how the Anglo-Saxons subsequently took over most of Britain.



DT

In DT the children will be learning about kinetic energy and air resistance. They will then consider these when designing and building their own sling shot cars. Once built, the children will test and evaluate their cars against their original design criteria.



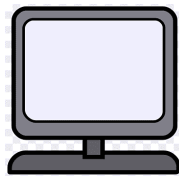
PE

In PE the children will be developing their dancing skills, specifically looking at street dance. They will be creating, performing and evaluating their own dances in small groups.



Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about networks, computer systems and how they communicate. They will also be exploring how the internet works, specifically looking at how people can work collaboratively to offer a variety of communications.



PSHE

In PSHE the children will learn how to help in an emergency. They will discuss the important steps when helping a person in need, specifically if they have a cut, are choking, having an asthma attack or an allergic reaction.



French

In French the children will learn how to describe the members of a family, including the words for parents and siblings. They will also build on previous years' knowledge and learn the numbers from 10 to 70.



Suggested books for reading

