



Classes 5M, 5B and 5S

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another fun, rewarding and busy term at ESPS! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and, like us, are looking forward to the summer term in Year 5!

This is the last of our termly bulletins where we aim to provide you with information about the curriculum. A school timetable is also attached for your reference. You can find a full overview of the Year 5 curriculum [here](#).

English

Our lessons will continue to cover all aspects of reading, writing, grammar and punctuation and spoken language. The children will be doing an in-depth study of the novel *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf, exploring different themes and issues raised in the novel. In the second half of the summer term, the children will be introduced to William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to study alongside our Tudor topic.

Reading

The recommended reading time for Year 5 children is **thirty minutes per night** and the children have the opportunity to quiz their book in school. Please continue to encourage your child to read and record this in their record book.

Spellings

Spelling rules will be taught weekly with suggested words that follow these rules being looked at during these sessions. We will test the rules the following week, using some of the suggested words, alongside others, to ensure the children have mastered the rule. These rules, suggested words are found on the Year 5 webpage, and a task is set weekly on **spellingshed.com**.

Maths

All maths work will be taught in accordance with the National Curriculum. This term, we will cover geometry (shape, position and direction), number (decimals and negative numbers) and measurement (converting units and volume). Developing reasoning and problem-solving skills will remain a focus. Mental and arithmetic tests will continue on a bi-weekly rotation. MyMaths homework will be set every Thursday. The children all have logins to TT Rockstars which they are welcome to use at home and we encourage them to do so on a regular basis.

Science – Forces and Earth and Space

We will start with the study of forces, making links with gravity, air resistance and water resistance. For the second half of the summer term, the children will be learning about the various phenomena related to our planet and the space around it. They will be taking the role of presenters to explain and demonstrate their learning.

Computing

Throughout the year, we constantly refresh our knowledge and skills in e-safety. We will learn about potential online dangers.

Unit 5 Creating Media: in the first half-term, children will explore stop-motion animation by storyboarding, taking photographs and editing.

Unit 6 Data Handling: in the second half-term, children will develop 3D design skills.

History

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Tudors

The children will learn about different aspects of Tudor Britain including their lives, origins, religion, monarchy and crime and punishment. They will become historians and study different historical sources to investigate the past.

Art and D&T – Tudor portraits and Mechanical Toys

In the first half term, the children will study Hans Holbein to create their own Tudor portraits. Following this, the children will explore and create their own sculpture of a Tudor rose. In second half term, the children will take part in a design and technology project where they will work in groups to design and build a cam mechanism!

RE – Hinduism

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism. Our key question that we will be exploring is *do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?*

PSHE

In PSHE lessons, we will continue to use Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) which is a teaching and learning programme that includes the statutory RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) curriculum and has a strong focus on emotional and mental health and wellbeing. This term, the children will learn about Relationships and Changing Me, including puberty.

Music

This term, children will continue to be taught music by specialist teacher, Miss Imogen Ridge. As well as weekly singing assemblies and regular singing in class, children will listen to, perform and explore a wide range of music. In year 5 this term, the children will be performing together and exploring musical processes.

Thinking Schools

The children will continue to use tools from their 'Thinking School' toolkit, including thinking maps, thinking hats and habits of mind. The 'Thinking School' methodologies aim to equip children with the thinking skills needed to effectively tackle problems across and beyond the curriculum, both at school and in the future, through deep and critical thinking.

Physical Education (PE)

Friday sessions continue to be led by NSSport coaches where they will be participating in cricket, athletics and badminton. Additionally, the children will be strengthening their athletics and striking and fielding skills in their weekly PE lessons led by their class teacher.

PE Kit

We would ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child arrives to school in his/her correct PE kit on Mondays and Fridays. The correct PE kit is made up of the school blue PE t-shirt, a pair of blue or black shorts or a pair of blue or black tracksuit bottoms and sturdy trainers. Please note that football tops are NOT permitted to be worn for PE.

Do please email the office (FAO class teacher) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Useful Links:

[Home connect](#) – use this link to view the books read, points and quiz results for your child.

[Book Finder](#) – use book finder to view book recommendations for your child and see what books we have in our library using this code:

Key code: KJ892563

[Book Trust](#) – this is another great website to find book recommendations for your child.

YEAR 5

HOME/SCHOOL TIMETABLE

MONDAY	✓ P.E. kit needed
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	✓ Mymaths due in
THURSDAY	✓ MyMaths homework issued ✓ Spelling test and next spelling rule taught ✓ SpellingShed homework issued
FRIDAY	✓ P.E. kit needed