

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter, 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back and we hope you have had a good holiday.

This term, we will be studying three core texts in our English lessons – One Giant Leap, Silent Music and The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey. Within these texts, children will be writing a newspaper report, non-chronological reports and a diary.

In mathematics, the children will be learning about decimal fractions including tenths, hundredths and thousandths; negative numbers; revise and apply the column method for addition and subtraction and use written methods for short multiplication and short division. Throughout the year, the children will be revising their timetables up to 12 x12.

You will find the knowledge organisers attached for history, geography and science. The key vocabulary the children will be learning and using in lessons is listed on these knowledge organisers along with key facts and information. These are a really valuable resource to use when talking to your children about their learning. The topics for Autumn 1 are Baghdad, Spatial Sense and the Astronomy. The British Empire, Mountains and Materials will be covered after October half term.

In music, the children will listen and explore 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughn Williams. They will then compose, play and record a short melody on the Glockenspiel. In the second half of term the children will be introduced to Benjamin Britten's 'A Celebration of Carols'. In art, the children will be exploring Islamic art and architecture and creating their own tile reflecting this. This term in design and technology, the children will be cooking honey cake and pitta bread.

In life skills lessons, the children will think about 'Being my Best' and their relationships with others. In RE, we will be learning about Islam 'What helps Muslims to live a good life?' In Autumn 2, Hinduism 'Why should Hindus live a good life?' The topics which will be covered in computing sessions this term will enable pupils to develop an understanding of computer systems. In Autumn 2, children will learn about video production, they will use different software to plan, record, import and edit their videos.

During PE lessons this term, children will be participating in Football, Orienteering, Sportshall athletics and handball lessons. Please note that our PE days for the Autumn term are Monday and Tuesday. If there is a change in timetable due to school events, we will inform you of the days that children will be required to come into school in their PE kits.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding your child's learning or wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Mrs Graham, Mrs Kuhrt and Mr Killick



Kindness



Respect



Curiosity



Resilience



Self-belief



Responsibility

Autumn Term Home Learning

Autumn 1

To research a significant mountain or range of mountains

Due in Monday 12th October 2026

Autumn 2

This half term, the children will design a menu for afternoon tea.

Due in Monday 14th December 2026

Weekly Home Learning

Daily reading, including Bug Club – recorded in your reading record.

TT Rock stars - 15 minutes 3 times a week

Spelling Shed -15 minutes 3 times a week

Daily spelling practise by completing a different task in your spelling homework book



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