

## Year 5

Miss Williams, Mr Gibbons and Mr Kerrigan  
November 2024 - December 2024



Welcome back everyone,  
We hope you had a lovely half-term and enjoyed your time with your family.

This half-term, we have another fun filled curriculum in Year 5; it is full of exciting learning opportunities for your children. We will be exploring the topic of 'deserts', which will follow on nicely from our Ancient Egyptian topic last half-term.

### English

This half term, we will be continuing with our class novel 'Secrets of a Sun King'. The children have been enjoying this text and we are excited to see what will happen next in Lil's adventure. The children will have opportunities to read parts of the text out loud to develop fluency and expression and will answer a range of comprehension questions to show their understanding. In addition to this, your children will be starting their first Forensic Reading unit where they will have the opportunity to explore the text 'Once' in depth and take part in some detailed and thoughtful discussions.

In our writing lessons this half term, we will begin by writing our own desert themed poems. Following on from this, we will be writing disaster stories set in the desert. The grammar features we will continue to incorporate in our writing will be semicolons, relative clauses, cohesion between paragraphs and parenthesis. We will also write a newspaper report based around a sandstorm disaster.

### Maths

This half-term, we will begin our Maths learning with fractions and then move onto multiplication and division. Each week, the children also have opportunities to develop their fluency through daily fluency practice and improve their reasoning skills through whole class reasoning sessions.

### Reading:

All children will have their own reading book chosen at their reading level. We would like you to continue to send your child to school each day with it, along with their planner. The children will also get to choose a different book from our class library to read for pleasure. Please take good care of all books sent home.

***Please can you make sure that you sign your child's planner at least 3 times a week in order to have their book changed.***

### PE:

Lucy Bronze Class: Outdoor PE is on Wednesday and indoor PE sessions will be on Friday.  
Jonny Wilkinson Class: Outdoor PE is on Friday and indoor PE sessions will be on Monday.

***Please continue to send your children to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that this is a plain black with black shorts or joggers/leggings. As we are entering the colder months, we would also recommend a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt.***

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or message us on Class Dojo.

Many thanks,

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The Year 5 Team

**Important Dates:**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens after half-term break.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas break.

**You can help by:**

Encouraging your child to spend time at home practising their times tables on TT Rockstars and revisiting and challenging themselves on topics we have been learning in class on My Maths or Top Marks.

Listening to your child read and share stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas.

Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning.

Encouraging and supporting your child to practise their spellings set for them each week.