

Key Dates for Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January - School Opens - Spring Term 1
Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February - PTA Wear what you love day - £1 donation
Friday 14th February- Midterm Reports out and books go home
Friday 14th February - School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 24th February - Inset day - no children to attend
Tuesday 25th February - School Opens - Spring term 2
Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March - parents evening
Friday 7th March- World Book Day
Friday 21st March- PTA Pizza and quiz Night 5pm-7pm
Friday 11th April - School closes for Easter break at 3.15pm
Monday 28th April - Return to school - Summer term 1.

Snacks

In Year 5, we sometimes don't eat our lunch until 12:50, meaning the children are often quite hungry by then. Please feel free to send your child in with a snack to have during morning break to help with this. Children are able to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables for their snack. Please also ensure your child has a drink in school. This should be in a named bottle and should only contain water (no juice) for in the classroom. Children with packed lunches are able to bring an additional drink of juice to have at lunch time.

Behaviour

We have been working hard to follow our "Bee" rules and lots of our Star of the Week certificates have been awarded to children who we have seen demonstrating these rules in a range of different ways.

1. Be kind
2. Be a good listener
3. Be hardworking
4. Be respectful
5. Be responsible
6. Be healthy
7. Be considerate
8. Be hygienic
9. Be alert



Lost Property

Please ensure that **every** item of clothing your child wears, or brings to school is clearly named so that they can be returned if left behind. Please could you also check that the cardigans and jumpers your child comes home with is theirs as some children are accidentally taking the wrong ones home.



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Miss LeCouteur

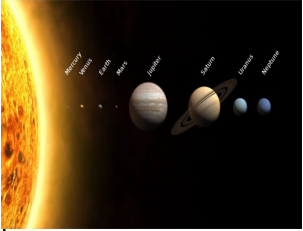
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Mrs Kay and Mrs Chappell

Teaching Assistant
Miss Edge, Mrs Shakeel
and Miss North

Happy New Year!

Welcome back Year 5! We hope that you had a lovely and restful holiday and are refreshed and ready to continue working hard this year.



This term we will begin our topic "Half the World Away" which is a Science and Geography-based topic. Throughout the term, the children will be learning about Earth and Space, including looking at the movement of the Earth and other planets

relative to the Sun, investigating why we have night and day, and understanding time zones. We will also be focusing on North America, researching famous landmarks and locating them on the map as well as distinguishing between human and physical features.

English

This term we will be looking at the story Nowhere Emporium and creating our own pieces of writing based on this. We are going to rewrite the story and then use our computing skills to edit a video of them reading their stories that we are going to share with parents. Later on in the term, we are going to be completing pieces of writing based from our Topic including the text Queen of the falls.

We are focusing on developing the quality of the texts that the children are reading for pleasure. The children are writing some beautiful creative pieces of writing but this will develop the creativity of their written work even more. We encourage the children to explore a wide range of classic and contemporary texts, as well as a variety of authors and genres. Some of our current favourites (that you might want to add to your child's reading list) are:

Wonder R.J Palacio

Cogheart Peter Bunzl

The Girl of Ink and Stars Kiran Millwood

Rooftoppers Katherine Rundell

Clockwork Phillip Pullman

The Nowhere Emporium Ross Mackenzie

Maths

During this term, we will start the term off by looking at different pieces of data and trying to analyse and interpret these. These will include line graphs, tables and tally charts. Then we will start our work on multiplication and division, including short multiplication, long multiplication and using the bus stop method to divide 3 and 4 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. We will then move on to Area and Perimeter. We will also continue our weekly arithmetic lessons and building children's fluency skills.

Basic skills to practise at home

Reading

Your child will read weekly to us during VIPERS sessions and will be expected to read independently on a daily basis (at school and at home). Please sign your child's reading diary when you have listened to them read—the children need to have at least 3 signatures each week.

Maths

Please continue to support your child with their times tables. There are many online resources to help with this and all children have a TTRockstars login.

Dojo

Please continue to check Dojo for all communication. We will be sharing work that the children have completed and topics that are being covered. We will also post the weekly spelling list that we will be exploring at school if you wish to support this at home.

<u>P.E</u>	Spring
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5KC	Tuesday Swimming Friday Gymnastics