



# Y5 Classroom News!



Summer Term 1- 2026

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## Book Talk

Our Year 5 class text for this half term is the **Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen.

Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him.

His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates.

She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe.

But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear.

Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .



Our Geography topic this term is- **Biomes!**

During this term, children will learn:

- Not everywhere in the world has the same climate.
- The different biomes of the world.
- How the flora and fauna of different biomes adapted to life there (part 1).
- How the flora and fauna of different biomes adapted to life there (part 2).
- What challenges humans face living in each biome.
- The impact humans had on the deciduous forests of the UK.

Take a look at the Year 5 class page throughout the term to see the wonderful work the children will be doing.



## Home Reading

Children are encouraged to read at home every day to support their fluency, intonation and understanding of a variety of texts and genres. This not only supports the children with their reading, but also in the wider curriculum.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation and encouragement.



## Literacy

During this half term, we will be learning how to write a balanced argument and a science fiction narrative. We can't wait to share our amazing writing with you.

## Maths

In maths, this half term, we will be learning about converting units of measure and calculating with whole numbers and decimals.

Remember to rise to the challenge on TTRockstars in the Battle of the Classes.





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## Author Spotlight

Rick Riordan

Rick Riordan was a teacher for over 14 years, teaching English, Social Studies, and mythology before becoming a writer.

The idea for Percy Jackson, his award winning series, came from bedtime stories Rick Riordan told to his son Hayley who has dyslexia.

He has written over 55 books during his career, of which some have been turned into televised series.

Have you read any of Rick's books?

If not, try one today!



## Attendance

At the end of each week, the class with the highest attendance will win the attendance trophy and each child with 100% attendance has the chance to win a raffle prize!  
Let's aim for 100% attendance!

## Important Reminders

### Sports sessions

Sport sessions are every  
Wednesday and Friday

Please remember to bring the correct PE kit - white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Tracksuits can be worn when the weather is cold!

Please remember that all jewellery must be removed for PE including earrings.



RE



In RE, we will be starting our new topic- To the Ends of the Earth

In RE, the children will be learning about the importance of the Holy Spirit and the sacrament of confirmation. They will learn how to develop a closer bond with Christ through the examples of discipleship of Mary and other saints and recognise that the Holy Spirit appears in different signs and names.

### A Prayer for the Summer Term

As the sun rises in the summer months, Lord, let your light shine on me.

Pour out your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of your truth, love, wisdom and peace.

As the sun rises in the summer months, Lord, let your light shine on me.



Amen

