

Y5 Classroom News!



Summer Term 2- 2026

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Book Talk

Our Year 5 class text for this half term is Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis.



Parvana is alone. Her father is dead. A refugee in a land full of dangers, she must travel across Afghanistan to find her mother and sisters.

As she travels, Parvana finds friends- a starving, orphaned baby; a strange, hostile boy and a girl who darts in and out of minefields to find food.

Perhaps, with their help, she may one day be reunited with her family.

Our History topic this term is- Baghdad and the Middle East

During this term, children will learn:

- How was Baghdad built?
- What was the Golden Age of Islam?
- How did Baghdad become a centre of learning?
- Who made great advancements in science, mathematics and medicine?
- How did Baghdad compare to London 1000AD?
- How did the Islamic Empire come to an end?

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 diary entry and a dilemma narrative. We can't wait to share our amazing writing with you.

We will also be taking part in multiple author events- keep a look out for photos!

Maths

In maths, this half term, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shape, calculating volume and how to apply problem solving skills to the learning we have done so far this year.

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





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Author Spotlight

Tom McLaughlin

Tom McLaughlin is an author and illustrator from Devon in England.

He studied art at college and then became a cartoonist- creating cartoons of what was happening in politics at the time.

He started in the world of children's books by becoming an illustrator before turning his own hand to writing.

Tom's favourite thing to do when he isn't writing, is to sit and stare out of the window with a cup of tea!



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, the children will be learning about the importance of the Old and New Testament to Judaism and Christianity and how the different writer of the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit through their new unit, 'Dialogue and Encounter'.

A Prayer for the Summer Term

Gracious God,

Bless each and every one of us as we enter the final term of the year.

Fill us all with your spirit and keep us safe, healthy and happy as we learn, play and pray together.

Amen

