

# Year 5 Curriculum

## Newsletter

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child back for a new school year. We have quickly settled down into this very busy term and are already hard at work. May we remind you that it is crucial your child attend school every day so that they do not miss important work and events. We have an exciting term ahead of us, full of creative and fun learning experiences for the children.



Over the next term Year 5's learning will center around our exciting topic '**Space Explorers!**'

During this topic we will be focusing on Science, History, Art and Technology.

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work.

In the second half term, our topic will be '**Things change**'.

We will be discussing emotional changes we all experience as we grow older to help understand ourselves and our behaviours more. This will be completed through different types of writing, reading and illustrating.

### Maths

We will continue to study a wide range of topics in school, however we are also keen to help your child develop and practise their maths skills at home. Please encourage your child to learn and quickly recall all their times tables off by heart up to 12 x 12. Also, practise their written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Some home learning activities will be on **My Maths**. Usernames and passwords can be found in the front of your child's Maths Home Learning book. If you need a reminder of your child's username and password, please see their maths teacher.

#### Easimaths / Mymaths

Your child has access to **easimaths**, as well as **mymaths**. On these websites, they will be able to complete maths activities and practise key maths skills at their level. Each child will be given their own login and password at parents' evening.

[www.rmeasimaths.com](http://www.rmeasimaths.com) [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)



### Science

Our science topics will be Earth and Space, and Animals and humans. We will be looking at the different planets in our solar system and the physical changes over human lifetime.

The children will have the opportunity to develop both their subject knowledge, and their scientific enquiry skills through these topics.



### Home Learning

Home learning is set every week in Year 5, usually on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Typically maths and one other subject are set, alongside our continuing expectation that pupils read regularly at home.

If pupils or parents have any questions about a piece of homework please speak to the class teacher as soon as possible, to allow sufficient time for us to work with and assist children with their tasks.



### P.E.

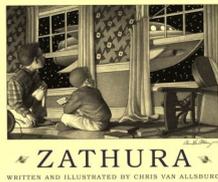
Please make sure your child brings the appropriate P.E. kit as they will be going outside this term. Indoors we will be developing our dance and gymnastics skills. Outdoors we will be learning a range of sports including football.

P.E. Kit: **Indoor:** black/blue shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls **Outdoor:** tracksuit bottoms & top, trainers

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## English

Children will have daily English lessons with their class teacher. These lessons will be linked to our topic and core text and will incorporate activities to develop the children's reading skills as well as different writing focusses.



Our first core text is 'Zathura' by Chris van Allsburg. We are using this book particularly to study the effect of vocabulary on the reader, and how it can be used to create different character's perspective and setting.

Writing opportunities will include: narratives, character studies, setting descriptions and poetry.

We will also be continuing to develop VCOP skills. In particular, how to apply a range of different punctuation correctly, including speech marks, commas, colons and brackets.

## Age Appropriate Material

Can we remind parents / carers that children should only be watching age appropriate films - U, PG or 12A (if accompanied by an adult). Please also be vigilant regarding children viewing inappropriate music videos online and access to age appropriate video games.



## French

This term we will be developing the pupils' understanding of both written and spoken French, and encouraging them to speak and even begin writing more complex French sentences.

Bonjour!  
Hello!

## Diary Dates



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| 19th Sept         | Y5 Science Wizards Workshop               |
| 10th Oct          | Y5 trip Science Museum (letter to follow) |
| 12th Oct          | Y5 trip Science Museum (letter to follow) |
| 19th Oct          | INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)       |
| 22nd Oct—26th Oct | Half Term Holiday                         |
| 29th Oct          | Pupils return to school                   |
| 21st Dec          | INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)       |
| 7th Jan           | Pupils return to school                   |

## Reading

Pupils in Year 5 should read daily for a minimum of 20 minutes, and their skills are best developed when a more experienced reader reads with them and discusses their book. All pupils have access to the school library from which they may borrow up to two books at a time.

### Reading Journals

For children to make good progress in their reading, they should read for a short period of time everyday. To help the children keep track of what they read and develop their independence, they have a reading journal.

What should you do:

**Please can you sign or initial in your child's reading journal to agree that your child has completed their reading that day. This will ensure that their effort is recognised and they receive their reading journal sticker on their chart. Children should have a record of reading a minimum of 5 times per week as well as completing a chosen reading task from the list in the back of the journal.**

What the teacher will do:

Children will be asked to regularly share their reading journal with their teacher and discuss what they have read. This would also be an opportunity for the pupils to share their chosen, completed reading activities.



If you have any questions regarding reading journals, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

## Every Day Counts

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

5W — Annalese Bassi, Nazarene Dyer, Arav Jongali, Thusinthan Kishokumar  
5P— Balamuhunthan Akshajen, Ilamparithi Painthamilpandian

These children were all presented badges in assembly.

