

ASPIRE



Year 5 Half Termly Update Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

We have officially completed one half term of Year 5! The Year 5 Team have been incredibly impressed by the efforts of the children. We hope that this continues throughout the half term as we make our way towards the Christmas break. We have an exciting term ahead of us! We have our exciting trip to the Science Museum on Thursday 11th December 2025 – we would appreciate any adult volunteers on the trip.

Many thanks,
Year 5 Team

Writing

We will be reading part of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and The Highwayman. During the Harry Potter unit, children will create their own fantasy character and look carefully at the text to discuss the author's choices of words and consider how the writing has been developed. They will use this to note down their initial ideas and begin to develop these. Children will think carefully about choosing specific vocabulary and language features for a desired effect and then draft their work.

Reading

We are reading Skellig this half term! We will base our reading activities around the book. This will include what we understand about the characters, having a debate about home-schooling, as well as making predictions. We will continue to have reading for pleasure sessions where children can read their choice of book and share what they have been reading. Some children will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction shorter texts to improve their fluency and comprehension skills.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at developing our strategies to multiply and divide a number by 10, 100 and 1000. Children will look at finding multiples, factors and common factors of numbers, before moving on to formal multiplication and division methods. Please do take time to practise your child's times tables as this is a crucial for them during this unit of work.

We will also be working on measurement, where we will learn how to find the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes, before looking at irregular shapes.

Science

We are learning about Earth and Space. We will learn how many planets there are in our solar system. We will also learn about the Earth's movement and how many days there are in a year and think about whether the Earth is constantly moving. We will look at true and false statements about the moon and consider whether the moon is a source of light, how it orbits the Earth and identify the different phases of the moon. We will also look at Helen Sharman, a famous British

History

During our history lessons, the children will study the Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and whether they were 'settlers' or 'invaders'. We will be studying various sources, which provide us with the information about them and we will be learning the difference between a primary and a secondary source. We will finish the unit by applying our knowledge of invaders to a story called 'The Conquerors'; the children will apply their knowledge to determine whether a general was an invader.

Computing

We will complete our vector drawing unit before looking at the effects of cyberbullying. Then the children will focus on the history of computers, code breaking in World War 2 and the impact of women in the development of computing.

PSHE

This half term, children will be learning about the Zones of Regulation. They will be able to identify emotions and which zones they are in order to help understand that the zone they are in can vary across the day and this is okay. We will use the language of zones about ourselves in general terms

P.E. and Music

Children will continue to have 2 P.E. lessons a week. Children should arrive at school in their P.E. kit every Wednesday and Friday. P.E. will include improving their ball skills in sports such as basketball. This term, the children will continue our rotation of gymnastics, dance and music will continue on Fridays.

Homework

Weekly spelling will be given on Friday every week. Please practise the spellings with your child. Doodle Maths and Spelling homework should be completed with daily practise too. Doodle Maths is due in on Wednesdays.