

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 5! We are delighted to have the children back in school and are very much looking forward to working with them over the course of this school year. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about the learning the children will be doing during the Autumn term.

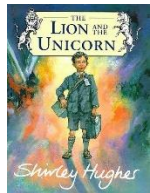
Theme – The Blitz!

This Term our topic is 'The Blitz'. Within this theme, the children will be learning about World War II. Within this topic they will research key facts about the outbreak of war, including who was involved and when it happened, learn what life was like for an evacuee during the war and they will also learn about the impact WWII had on Coventry. During this theme, children will have opportunities to use drama, improve their research skills and recalling of key facts, create a remembrance poem and problem solve though making a replica air-raid shelter. We hope that the children are as excited about the theme as we are! Be sure to ask them about the topic as it progresses.



English

During this term, the children will be reading and writing across a range of different text types and genres. To begin with, the children will also write their own narrative based on a 'visual literacy film' called 'The Lighthouse'. Following this, within our main English lessons, the children will study the text,



'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. As part of this Classic Stories unit, they will be writing a setting description of London after an air raid. Linking closely with our Autumn Theme, the children will also be studying a range of non-fiction texts. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to study Poetry by working closely on Classic Poetry and looking closely at The Jaberwocky.

Throughout the term, the children will cover a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Children will focus on developing their understanding of a variety of punctuation, word and sentence skills. The children will continue to have regular reading slots within school and we strongly encourage them to continue to read their banded reading books as much as possible.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be both revising previously-taught methods and key skills from last year, as well as using them as building blocks to move forwards with the Year 5 Curriculum. The year will start with a focus on place value. Whilst looking at place value, we will learn how to read, represent and compare numbers to 1 000 000, as well as rounding them to the nearest 100, 1 000, 10 000 and 100 000 using number lines. We will also consolidate and refine our addition and subtraction skills, using formal written methods, as well as applying these skills to solve word problems. Within multiplication, we will slowly build towards being able to multiply a two-digit number by a three-digit number, whilst division will be focused on dividing using both long and short division methods. Again, these formal methods will be applied in a reasoning and problem-solving capacity.

As always in Year 5, children's knowledge of their times tables up to 12x12 is extremely important. This allows them to quickly recall key number facts as well as giving a clear platform to be able to 'use and apply' their number skills within the context of problem solving.



Science

Excitingly, the children will be learning about two brand new Science units this term: 'Property Puzzles' as well as 'Forces in Action'. Within the first half term, the children will be studying 'Property Puzzles' and will learn exactly what materials are used to make up objects in our everyday lives and how they are fit for purpose. As usual, there will be numerous opportunities for the children to take part in practical science investigation so that the scientific enquiry is led in a fun and engaging way. Following 'Property Puzzles' the children will study 'Forces in action' which focuses on what are the different forces and how they can be measured. Again, plenty of opportunities for practical fun!



Physical Education – PE



This year the children in Year 5 will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different sports, including swimming. This year, children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days to maximise learning time. Earrings must be taken out or covered, and as in school, long hair must be tied back.

This table summarises the PE timetable for each class this half-term.

5CC	Monday – P.E	Thursday - Swimming
5AS	Monday – P.E	Tuesday – P.E.
5ST	Monday – P.E	Tuesday – P.E.

Personal, Social and Health Education – PSHE

In Year 5, the children get the exciting opportunity to take part in the Archbishop of York's Youth Award and take part in lots of activities, where they get to lead a community action project. The children will consider:

- What makes a good leader?
- Who are inspirational leaders around the world.
- How can we make a difference in our community?
- Inequalities between people and what can be done about it.

Throughout the term, there will also be activities for the children to reflect on key school values as well as taking part in the 'Protective Behaviours' programme. This enables children to recognise situations in which their personal space and 'safety' may be compromised and who they can talk to about this.

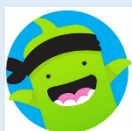
Other Subjects

Children will continue to develop their ICT skills through our computing curriculum, as well as within Theme lessons. Art and music lessons will also take place within our 'Blitz' theme. Within Religious Education, children will be learning about the key features of belief and worship, within Christianity and Sikhism. Children will also continue to build on their MFP skills within French lessons.

Support at Home

- We expect children to read their banded reading book at least **3 times a week** and record this in their reading diaries. The class teacher will monitor these on a weekly basis.

Please make sure you check your Class Dojo regularly. If you need a log-in, please speak to your child's class teacher.



As always, many thanks for your continued support. As always, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you.

*Mrs Caldwell, Miss Sperling and
Miss Timms*

There will be lots of exciting trips and events in Year 5, including participating in a Young Voices Concert and going to Harry Potter World.

More information about these events will follow