



Year 5 Newsletter - February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of our Spring Term!

A brief overview of our curriculum for this half term:

English – We will be doing a poetry unit based on the book, ‘Moon Juice’, by Kate Wakeling. We will then move on to a new focus text: ‘The Promise’ by Nicola Davies.

History – Progressing directly on from our learning about the beginning of the Viking age in Britain, we now move on to learning about Norse culture. As part of this topic, we will learn about the saga of Erik the Red, and the Norse beliefs about the gods.

Geography – Our next topic is ‘North and South America’. We will explore the physical geography of these two continents, learn about the concept of population density, and we will particularly focus on the diverse experiences of people living in Brazil.

Science – We are learning about ‘Living Things & Their Habitats’ this half term. Our focus areas will include: the development of mammals, metamorphosis, and why there is variation amongst living things.

Maths – We will be doing a second fractions unit. We will then move on to learning about decimals and percentages. You will find relevant activities on MyMaths to help support you to do further practice with your child at home.

Religions and worldviews – We continue with our topic about making moral choices. We will continue to discuss morality and moral dilemmas, as well as explore where and whom people look to for moral guidance.

Reading – We continue with a mixture of whole class reading lessons and small group guided reading sessions.

Music – We have some exciting music events this half term! As well as an interactive performance with English Touring Opera, Year 5 will also be taking part in a special online opera workshop with the Royal Opera House. In this session, the class will be guided through key elements of opera – from music and singing, to storytelling – with insights from expert performers and creatives. Our next music focus for the rest of the half term will be: ‘Make You Feel My Love’, by Adele.

Computing – After completing their music programming unit, using Scratch, the children will move on to a data handling unit, with a focus on learning about the Mars Rover.

PE – On their PE days, it is essential that children come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear. Shoulder length hair and longer must also be tied back. Children will have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.

Author visit – We are excited to be welcoming award-winning author, Claire Linney, to talk about her new book ‘Time Tub Travellers and the Silk Thief’, on Tuesday 18th March. The book is said to be a fast-paced, funny and fresh time-travelling adventure! P.A. Staff (author of ‘Casander Darkbloom and the Threads of Power’) describes the new novel as: “...not only a fantastically well-imagined, fast-paced and hilarious novel for young readers, but Zula and Milo’s adventure offers an all-important glimpse into the crucial, yet often lesser-known, melting point of Black and British history, as they wind their wondrous way through Tudor London.”

If you would like to order copies of ‘**Time Tub Travellers and the Silk Thief**’, to be **signed by Claire Linney** on the day, please order through Pickled Pepper Books, using the Coleridge School link: <https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/products/time-tub-travellers-and-the-silk-thief-claire-linney-coleridge-primary-school-tuesday-18th-march>

Dates for your diary

5B Science Museum Trip – **Monday 10th March**

5O Science Museum Trip – **Monday 24th March**

5P Science Museum Trip – **Friday 28th March**

5R Science Museum Trip – **Monday 31st March**

World Book Day – **Thursday 6th March**

Year 5 Inter Colour Sports Competition – **Wednesday 12th March**

INSET day (school closed for all children) – **Friday 14th March**

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Visit the Classroom – **Thursday 27th March, 8:50 – 9:10am**

Parent meetings this term will be taking place between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow - **Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April**

We look forward to another exciting half term!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team