



June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5!

Our curriculum this half term

English – We are continuing with our focus text, ‘The Dam’ by David Almond, which tells the real-life story of the Kielder Water dam in North Northumbria.

History – We are continuing our learning about the second Viking age in Britain. We will then move on to a project focusing on learning about the history of our local area.

Geography – We are continuing our learning about the Amazon by moving on to learning about how the Amazon connects to the rest of the world – socially, environmentally, and through trade.

Maths – As always, you will find specific details on the Weekly Overview, which goes up on ParentHub every Friday, as well as relevant activities on MyMaths to help support you to do further practice with your child at home. Please do also remember that we provide maths activities, as well as games and website ideas on our Year 5 Maths Home Learning pages. This is aimed to be used to support your child’s learning at home.

Religions and worldviews – We are continuing our topic: ‘Why are some journeys and places special?’, which focuses on the concept of pilgrimage. Through this topic, we will explore significant pilgrimages within different religions. Our school trip this half term is linked to this too!

Science & PSHE – Our next science topic focuses on learning about changes in the human body as we develop. As part of these lessons, the children will learn about puberty and the reproductive system. We will send you more details about these lessons in advance of teaching them.

Design and Technology – We will be designing and then sewing our own stuffed toys!

PE – The children will be doing athletics, dance, and striking and fielding games.

Coleridge Primary School Activism Project

The whole school will be taking part in a citizenship project in which Year 5 will have a particularly crucial and exciting role! More details to come!

Transitions

This half term, we will also be preparing the children for their transition to Year 6. As always, the children will get an opportunity to meet their new teacher, and to have a story/discussion session with them. Teachers will be talking to the children about preparing for the change, and what they can look forward to next year.

Year 2 Buddies!

A particularly lovely feature of this final half term is when Year 5 pair up with their corresponding colour Year 2 class. The Year 5 and Year 2 teachers work together to match the children up with a 'buddy', and then 'buddy sessions' are arranged. The purpose of these sessions is to help prepare and support the Year 2 children with their transition to the Junior side, as well as encouraging the Year 5 children to recognise their position as role models for the younger children within the school. The Year 5 children are supported and encouraged to embody our school value of 'caring' by being a considerate, kind and supportive 'buddy' to the Year 2s – getting to know them by gently asking questions, drawing and reading with them, and showing them around the West building and playgrounds. The sessions help develop the children's empathy skills; Year 5 are encouraged to check-in on their Year 2 'buddy' in the playground next year – showing awareness and understanding that this is a big transition for the younger children. These sessions have always been really enjoyable and beneficial for both year groups!

Dates for your diary

5B Southwark Cathedral Trip – Thursday 12th June

5P Southwark Cathedral Trip – Friday 13th June

5O Southwark Cathedral Trip – Tuesday 17th June

Saturday 21st June – Summer Fair

Wednesday 2nd July – Sports Day

Wednesday 9th July – School reports given to parents/carers

Wednesday 16th July – Parents evening (in-person)

Tuesday 22nd July – Last day of term & Toy Day

We hope to have a great final half term together!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team