



September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5. We are really happy to be starting a fresh school year with your children.

The Year 5 team

Purple Class (5P): Beth Whitley (Year Team Leader)

Red Class (5R): Jon Goddard

Orange Class (5O): Florence Tapp

Blue Class (5B): Kate Ibbotson and Lizzie Davies

Charlie Hambis and Jessie Hood will be supporting children across the year group, either in a one-to-one capacity or in small groups.

Curriculum Chat

Our Curriculum Chat will be on **Wednesday 30th September** at **9:05am** in the West Hall. We will give a brief overview of the Year 5 curriculum. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend – the presentation will be uploaded to the school website.

Curriculum

We started our first units of work in both Maths and English this week. More information about these can be found in the Weekly Overview, which will be posted on Parent Hub every Friday afternoon. We encourage you to look at this so that you can talk with your child about what they are learning each week and support them where possible.

English - Our first unit is based on the book *Varmints* by Helen Ward.

Spellings - Tests will take place every Monday. Weekly spellings will also be posted on Parent Hub on Monday.

We will not send children's spelling book home. We will keep this in school for children to complete their test on. Children will be sent home with a sheet of paper with their weekly spellings on a Monday.

List 1: next 200 high-frequency words.

List 2: Year 5 spelling words.

Your child should know on which list they are working on, but please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

Maths - A brief overview of the week's learning will be included in the Weekly Overview. Our first unit is on place value. Children are in mixed attainment groups for maths.

History - Our first topic is The City of Baghdad, focusing on its creation in 750 CE.

Geography - Our first topic is California, which explores the causes, impacts, and responses to drought in the region.

Science - We begin with Materials and their Properties.

Computing - Our first topic is Online Protection & Computer Systems and Networks, focusing on search engines.

Religions and Worldviews - This term, we will be learning about Islam.

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Music - We are learning to rap The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and appraising different hip-hop styles. Children learning instruments outside school are encouraged to bring them in on their music lesson days.

PE – Children will be taught gymnastics and netball this half term.

Swimming - Each class will have a block of eight swimming sessions at Park Road Swimming Pool in Year 5. You will receive a letter with details of when your child's sessions will begin. 5B will be the first class to start on Thursday 17th September.

Art - Taught by Gemma Curtis every fortnight.

PE Kit

Children should wear their PE kit on their PE days. This should be comfortable clothing suitable for movement, along with trainers. All children with shoulder-length hair or longer must tie it back for PE lessons. As with the rest of the school day, no jewellery (apart from stud earrings) should be worn. Children may have to miss their PE lesson if they are not wearing appropriate clothing.

PE timetable

	Week 1	Week 2
Purple class 5P	Thursday	Tuesday and Friday
Blue class 5B	Monday and Thursday	Tuesday and Friday
Red Class 5R	Tuesday and Thursday	Monday and Wednesday
Orange Class 5O	Monday and Thursday	Monday and Wednesday

Trips

We are in the process of booking trips for Year 5 children and will send more information once these are confirmed.

Home Learning

English, Maths, and wider curriculum home learning will be sent out every half term. Spellings will be sent home weekly. Maths home learning will be posted on Parent Hub every Friday.

We are all very excited about the year ahead, and we want to thank you for your continued support. We welcome parental involvement, so please feel free to talk to your child's class teacher about any ways you would like to engage with the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing admin@coleridgeprimary.net.

We look forward to making this a happy and successful year.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 5 Team