

Class 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to Class 5 and the first newsletter of the year.

In Religion, our first topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will learn about Moses, focusing on two critical events in his life. We will spend some time reflecting on the words and imagery of the revelation to Moses. We will recognise that the Ten Commandments speak to us today, but will also reflect on the context in which they appear in the Bible. We will understand how virtues link with the Christian view of what makes people experience true happiness of the soul.

In English, our first novel will be 'Beetle Boy', an engaging and ambitious text that provides rich opportunities for Year 5 pupils to develop their writing to inform skills within a meaningful literary context. During this unit, we will be developing our writing by creating our own non-fiction texts, revisiting and embedding previously taught foundation skills in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

In Maths, we will be looking at number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction before half term.

Our history topic for the term is 'The Greeks: A Lasting Legacy'. In this unit we will discover how Ancient Greece, especially Athens during the Classical period, shaped the world. We will also have other projects running throughout the term including 'A Tale of Two Settlements' (Geography), 'Forces in Motion' (Science) 'Powering Movement' (D&T) and 'The Art of Light and Line' (Art and Design).

In Computing, we will cover Digital Citizenship, how to keep ourselves safe online and use technology responsibly and effectively.

The PE focus is Fundamental Movements, in which children will apply agility, balance and co-ordination skills, individually and with others. PE days are Monday and Thursday.

Music will be delivered through Sparkyard Curriculum this year to ensure all musical skills and objectives are covered. In French, we will begin by looking at the phonics and pronunciation of the language.

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due on Wednesdays. Each week, your child will be given a White Rose Maths worksheet to complete. Reading books in Year 5 will be changed as and when the children have completed them. This will be monitored to ensure lots of home and school reading is taking place. Please ensure your child also practices their times tables regularly at home too using TT Rock Stars.

Positive behaviour rewards include: class dojos, house points, class rewards and Golden Time.

