

# Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2



Year 5 had an amazing first half term, settling in really well and are trying really hard to continue to meet the expectations of Year 5.

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for break time (e.g. fruit and cereal bars) to tide them over until lunchtime.

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**PE Day:** PE is on a **Thursday**. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit.

During the cold weather, they may prefer long trousers rather than shorts. All children must have appropriate footwear and long hair needs to be tied back.



## Diary Dates

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your children are wearing suitable coats into school.

Boys' and girls' football clubs are still continuing, with more matches against other schools happening soon!

Our science trip to Winchester Science Museum will be on:

11.11.24 for 5OB

13.11.24 for 5DT

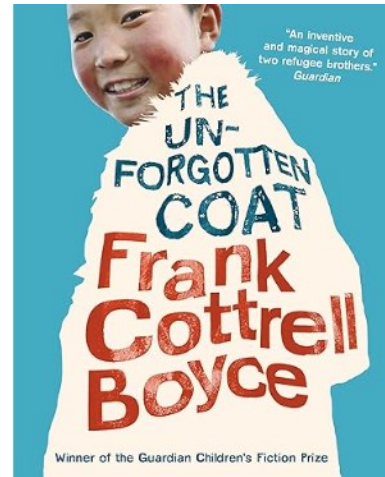
Bikeability will be on the week beginning 25th November - bikes and helmets can be provided. More details on how to sign up and more information will follow from Bikeability. It WILL NOT be offered to the children in Year 6.

## Science

This half term, we are learning about space. We will be finding out about the Sun, the planets and our solar system. We will be learning about day and night and the orbits of the different planets.

# English

This half term, we will be reading 'The Unforgotten Coat'. We will be writing in both 3rd and 1st person narratives, writing extracts of stories and diary entries. We will be embedding our learning about how to use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases in our writing, as well as learning how to include subordinate clauses. We will also be completing Destination Reader throughout the week to focus on our comprehension skills.



## In RE

Christmas Story

**Concept:** Different versions / viewpoints of the story

**Key question:** Is the Christmas story true?

## Maths

This half term we will continue to deepen their understanding of place value. Exploring decimal numbers, multiplying and dividing and securing our knowledge of tenths, and hundredths. We will be securing our addition and subtraction skills as well as continuing to work on our times tables.

Useful websites for maths include:

Maths frame: [mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/](http://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/)  
most-popular

Hit the button: Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds

Top marks: [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

BBC Bitesize: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

## Computing

In computing, we will be looking at video production.

We will explore creating content and editing content.



## DT

In DT, we will be researching, planning, designing and making moon buggies.

## Home Learning

At this point in the year, we will be encouraging children to continue working on their times table facts and spelling the 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists.

You will find that children may start to bring home some learning to help with any targets that they may have.