

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 1



Year 5 had an amazing first term. We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and New Year and the children are returning to school ready to continue with their fantastic learning.

Just a reminder that your child is able to bring in a healthy snack for break time (e.g. fruit and cereal bars) to tide them over until lunchtime.

If you have any problems or worries please contact us:

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PE Day:

PE will be on **Thursday** afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit. They will be able to wear the PE kit into school on a Thursday.

They will need a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.



Diary Dates

INSET DAY— Friday 13th February 2026 and Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 12th January—Book Awards to be launched (more details to follow)

Monday 2nd February— we would like to invite you in for a Spanish afternoon tea from 2:15pm. Invites to follow.

Science

This half term, we are learning about materials and their change of state. We are exploring reversible and irreversible changes and will be planning and conducting experiments.

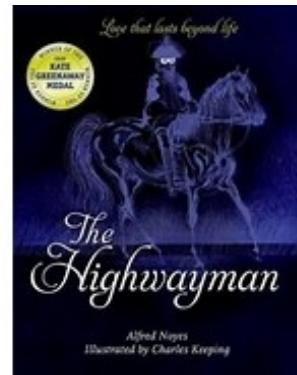
What do you think reversible and irreversible mean?



English

This half term we will be reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will be writing a synopsis for the Highwayman. We will also be writing a character description, aiming to include expanded noun phrases and relative clauses. Finally, we will be writing a non-fiction report about an event from the story. In this piece we will focus on modal verbs and passive voice.

Who could the Highwayman be?



In RE

Hinduism

Concept: Incarnation

Key question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

Computing

In this unit we will be exploring and creating **Vector graphics**.

Children will be introduced to vector drawings and learn how to create them using different tools.

What is a Vector drawing made up of?



Maths

In Math, we will be continuing to secure our knowledge of key concepts using White Rose Math scheme. This will include: units of fractions, decimals and percentages and multiplication and division.

We will also be continuing with our number sense times tables. Please continue to encourage your child to learn these using timetable rockstars. .

Geography

This term our main focus is the UK. We will be making links with economic trade (tourism) and making comparisons with the Spain region.

Children will be learning to name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics. What's the same / different between the UK and Spain?

PSHE

In PSHE this term we are focusing on dreams and goals.

The importance of money

Jobs and careers

Dream job and how to get there

Goals in different cultures

What is your dream/goal?

Home Learning

At the beginning of this new year we will be encouraging children to continue working on their spellings including the 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists. We would also like them to complete a piece of math and English homework each week.

Thank you for your continued support.

