



9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable break.

We have a busy term ahead, which will focus on our two topics, '*Journey Around the World*' and '*The Diversity of Life*'. We will be finding out all about the world, the local area, ourselves and the differences we experience. With lots of key texts (including visual narratives) to focus on, we will also have plenty of exciting writing opportunities.

Home Learning

Year 5 children will continue to receive all their home learning tasks on Fridays. They should bring in completed tasks the following Thursday to share with the class during our home learning celebration. There is a leaflet on the Year 5 page of the school website that gives ideas for different activities; if you have any suggestions for additional activities, please do let us know.

It is really important that your children are fluent with their times tables. Please ensure that your children are practising these regularly, as it helps them with their work in class. Times Tables Rockstars is a brilliant resource to help with this – children should have their own login, but if they have lost it, please do ask for another copy. Regular use of Mathletics is also valuable as we set specific tasks linked to previous learning for more rapid recall.

Pencil Cases

It is really useful that the pupils have been bringing in their own stationery. Just to clarify, they should have a black handwriting pen (not biro), a glue stick, a pencil and a black dry wipe pen. Coloured pencil crayons are also useful. Please make sure that they have these with them every day.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be set on the Spelling Shed. Children will receive a new spelling list on their Home Learning sheet each Friday, to be tested the following week. There will be ten words on the list that will be testing a particular spelling rule or pattern. The children should use the Spelling Shed to access games to help them to learn the spellings.

Reading

Reading with your child, and discussing the texts, continues to be extremely important. All children have been given a log in for our online reading record 'Boom Reader', on which you should record all reading completed at home. Each week we check those children who have read at least three times. Don't forget that it is even more important to talk to your child about what they have read, perhaps read some of the same books yourself, and turn it into a 'mini book-club'.

P.E

We have P.E twice a week. The day in which we have PE varies depending on the weather and other school events. It is therefore important that your child has their full P.E kit in school from Monday to Friday. We advise that during the colder months, children also bring tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt in order to stay warm during outdoor lessons. We would also like to remind you that children must have their hair tied back and should not wear any jewellery (including earrings) during these lessons.

We have enjoyed working together with you over the last term, and have found the communication both on the door and via e-mail very helpful in supporting your children. Please do continue to come to the classroom whenever necessary to discuss anything important or if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Jessett Mr Fuller