

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026



General Information:

Welcome to Year 5! We are looking forward to an exciting first half term as the children settle into their new classes and routines. This year, we will continue to make use of our one-to-one iPads, using a range of apps and digital resources to support learning across the curriculum and develop children's independence and digital skills. Reading remains a key priority in Year 5. Children will read daily in school, with sessions focusing on developing fluency, expression and key reading skills. We also ask that children read daily at home and that this is recorded regularly.

For **homework**, maths activities will be set through **Magma Maths**, alongside weekly spellings on **EdShed**.

Snapshot - what happens when?

Tuesday: Swimming - Birch

Thursday: PE – Birch (Outdoor) and Maple (Indoor and Outdoor)

Wednesday - Homework Due

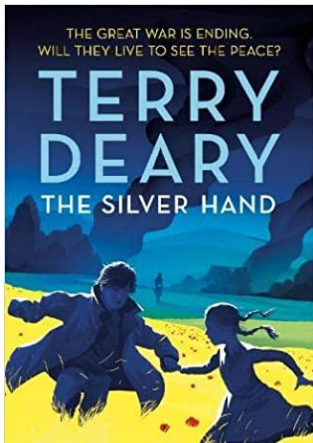
Friday – Spelling Test and Homework set.

School Photos: 25th September

Library Visit: 6th October - Birch

PGL: 12th – 14th October

Our Book for the term is:



This half term, our learning will be inspired by our focus text, **The Silver Hand by Terry Deary**. Set during the First World War, the story will provide an engaging context for our learning across reading, writing, history and art.

In reading, we will continue to develop the children's confidence and enjoyment as readers through daily reading sessions. We will focus particularly on reading with greater fluency, accuracy and expression, considering how pace, rhythm and intonation can help bring a text to life. *The Silver Hand* will also inspire a range of writing opportunities throughout the half term.

In history, children will explore World War One, including its causes and the experiences of soldiers and civilians. Our art learning will focus on drawing and silhouettes, developing children's use of line, shape, proportion and contrast to create their own silhouette-inspired artwork.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be learning about number and place value, as well as developing our understanding of the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will work with numbers up to 1,000,000, developing their skills in reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers.

Science

In science this half term, we will explore the world of forces. We will investigate how forces affect the movement of objects and develop our understanding of gravity, friction and resistance through investigations. We will also explore how gears can change the speed, direction and movement of objects.

Computing

In computing this half term, each lesson will begin with a focus on online safety, helping children understand how to use technology safely, responsibly and confidently. Our main learning will then focus on advanced networks and data concepts. Children will explore how computer networks communicate and transfer information and how data is organised and shared.

Physical Education

In PE this half term, both classes will develop their netball skills, focusing on passing, movement, defending and attacking before applying these in games. For indoor PE, Maple Class will focus on gymnastics, developing balance, control and coordination, while Birch Class will take part in swimming sessions.

French

In French this half term, we will be learning key vocabulary and phrases for describing the weather. Children will learn how to ask and answer questions about different weather conditions and use this vocabulary to describe the weather in different places. The unit will end with the children giving a weather reports in French.

SMSC

In SMSC this half term, we will explore what it means to be an active and responsible member of our school and wider community. Children will consider the importance of democracy, having a voice and participating in decisions that affect them. We will explore rights and responsibilities, collaboration and the consequences of our choices.

If you have any questions about the work we are covering this term, or need to see us for any other reason, then please feel free to catch us after school on the front playground. Mr Woods and Miss Andrew.