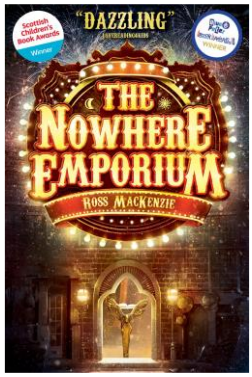
Year 5 Newsletter
Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots of fascinating learning to cover this half term. Below we have outlined what we will be covering as part of our foundation subjects, in addition to our English and Maths work. We hope that you will get involved in your children's research and contribute to our learning by discussing and supporting their schoolwork at home.

As readers and writers…



Our text for this half term is *'The Nowhere Emporium'* by Ross MacKenzie. This story that has several different characters and personalities. We will look at different character's values and circumstances. We will look at how Daniel's character develops throughout the story when faced with challenges and adversity. We will also use the text *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. We will look at how interactions between characters differ depending on their relationships.

Spelling Shed will continue with focused spellings each week, linked to homework alongside grammar and punctuation learning.

As mathematicians…
We are learning about Fractions:

- Identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction, represented visually, including tenths and hundredths
- Compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number
- Recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other and write mathematical statements……more than 1 as a mixed number [for example, 2/5 + 4/5 = 6/5 = 11/5]
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number

Please note attendance Autumn 1

Heron: 98% Raven: 97.5%

Target: 97.8%

As Scientists…

We will be investigating our place in the solar system. Also, how the sun and moon are vital to our planet and the impact they both have on Planet Earth.

As theologians…

This term we will promote a sense of community by highlighting how changes in religious practices, like the inclusion of women in leadership roles, help to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all members.

As computer scientists we will…

This half term we will be learning about internet safety. We will also be conducting research for fact files and creating presentations relating to our topics in class. We will also be continuing with our coding learning, making our 'sprites' move.

As Artist and Designers…

Children will be learning how to layer prints of seascapes and Viking Longboats by using Lithograph and Collagraphy. In design and technology, the children will design and construct automaton to a criterion.

Citizenship and the world

As good citizens we will look at…

Children will learn how to work respectfully with others, understand different perspectives, and practice cooperation, listening and shared decision-making.

As Historians we will…

Uncover major inventions and ideas from the past and locate them round the world. Pupils will explore how the earliest civilizations fought for freedom and helped shape the diverse world we live in today, so building historical investigation skills.

As musicians…

We will be performing at the O2 arena on the 20th January 2026. With this in mind we will continue to learn a variety of songs from the 70s soul to a mash up of the latest Wicked songs.

As athletes…

Outdoor –Tennis Outdoor- Multi-sports

Notices and reminders

- All children have their EdShed and Sumdog log ins. Please encourage your child to utilise these learning platforms at home.
- **PE** sessions will be on **Monday and Friday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit every week on a Monday and a Friday.
- In Year 5, it is vital that children continue to read and discuss books with adults. It is expected that they will read every day for at least 15-20 minutes. Children should note down their opinions and observations in their Reading Records. Parents should also sign the Reading Records.
- **Homework**: Homework will be set on Fridays and must be handed in no later than **Wednesday** morning the following week. Please sign to say you have seen it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 Team

Mrs Read – Heron Class (Miss Champion on Wednesdays) **Ms Brophy – Raven Class**

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