Supporting Your Child in Year 5

Autumn Term 2026

I hope you had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the new year! We have a lot to look forward to this term, I can't wait to tell you more…

Maths

The main focus this term will be number, including the four operations, understanding how to use written methods with accuracy. On top of this, we will be having a huge focus on multiplication facts. This is such an important skill and will make other areas of the curriculum a lot easier. We will begin to look at using addition and subtraction within fractions as well.
Here are some websites you might find useful:
http://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/
https://www.maths.co.uk
https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular

English

In English this term we will be focusing on ways to write to entertain and writing to inform – all linked to our history work on the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. There will be a particular focus on grammar skills, securing our understanding of main clauses and ways to use parenthesis. Children will be producing their own narratives and non-chronological reports.
Here are some websites you might find useful:
http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar
https://www.teachwrite.co.uk/karaokecomprehension
http://www.pobble365.com/

History

Our first history unit this year will be 'Invaders'. Here we will be learning all about the period in time when the Romans left Britain and the Anglo-Saxons invaded. We will learn about Sutton Hoo, Saxon artefacts, great battles for kingdoms between monarchies, and even some things about Vikings too!
Horrible Histories Viking Game: Raid and Trade - Free Primary KS2 History Game - Learn about Vikings - BBC Bitesize is a great way to access learning online or via the BBC.

Geography

For Geography this term, we will be learning about The Alps. Whilst doing this, we will be learning about where they are located, different physical and human features and reasons why people visit The Alps. We will use graphs and data and interpret information regarding both alpine regions and the UK. We will be using both 4 and 6 grid references using OS maps.
KS2 Geography - BBC Bitesize
KS2 Geography - 20 Enjoyable Quizzes for Children aged 7-11 (educationquizzes.com) has some great quizzes including Europe, mountains, and maps skills.

Science

The first half term is 'forces' where children will learn about gravity, water and air resistance as well as levers. A lot of this will involve practical activities. The second part of the term is 'Earth and Space' and the science behind it, including learning about the sun, Earth and moon and how they relate to each other as well as day and night and how the Earth moves – plus more.
KS2 Science - 50 Enjoyable Quizzes for Children aged 7 to 11 (educationquizzes.com)
Year 5 Year 5 Science - BBC Bitesize

RE

In RE this half term, we will focus on Islam, and what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. We will make connections between Muslim practice of the Five Pillars and their beliefs about God and the prophet Muhammad, whilst also studying the significance of the Qur'an and the function of the mosque in the beliefs of Muslims. Islam - KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize. The second half term will focus on Christianity, learning what Christians believe Jesus did to save people, especially focusing on Holy Week.

Music

In music this term we will be looking at composition notation for the first half term and the blues for the second half term. In our composition notation we will be looking at the structure of a piece of music and we will be composing and playing a melody with accuracy. The we will learn about the features of blues music, playing chords and the 12-bar blues accurately.

Art

In art we will be looking at our drawing skills. We will explore space imagery used in the 1950s/1960s space race as well as how this led to 'space' trickling down into all aspects of life. We will explore the work of Teis Albers and his print making and have a go at creating our own pieces inspired by him and the artwork we have studied. Some of his artwork can be found here Teis Albers | Nature inspired art – teisalbers

DT

In the second autumn term, our DT lessons will focus on food technology. We will be learning all about the 'farm to fork' process and the eatwell plate, which will help us to make a pasta sauce. This unit will include skills like reading a recipe, evaluating as well as chopping and slicing!

Computing

For the first half term in computing, we will learn all about systems and networks, and how these help us in everyday life. Our second unit will see us learn about the process of creating a video, having a go at it ourselves and reflecting on it.

Personal Development including PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be learning all about ways that we can support our minds and bodies as we group. This unit will look at complex emotions and ways in which we can regular our feelings. We will also be learning about signs that might mean we need help with our mental health. Our second unit this term will be about connecting with others, including understanding our identities and how these are influenced, ways in which families show commitment and support and protect each other as well as what make healthy friendships and ways we can manage challenges in friendships

British Values will focus on the idea of democracy and rule of law, looking at how both of these encourage a stable, safe and supportive society. In our Everyone's Welcome we will look at the book 'Kenny Lives with Martina and Erika' and we will learn about the consequences of actions. Our focus values next term will be focusing on the 'Grow' part of Glenmere is GREAT! This includes working on self-belief and independence.

PE

Year 5 will have swimming on a Wednesday morning. Basketball will be on a Thursday afternoon so please send the children in their PE kits ready each Thursday and then PE on a Friday also. Children will need to ensure they have football boots or shoes they don't mind getting muddy for outdoor PE if it is wet (don't forget spare shoes). Reminder that the PE kit is either the Glenmere t-shirt/hoody or completely plain, non-labelled, clothing.

Homework and home reading

Homework will continue to be set via doodle – if you need any help with this then please let me know. It will be set every Monday. The work set will be linked to the work in the classroom. Spellings linked to classwork will also be on there.
We have sent home information regarding the new reading logs. Please send this to school each day to ensure that we can support pupils where needed.

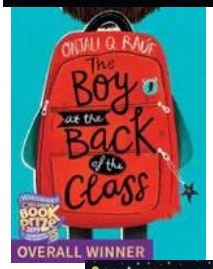
More able/children who require more support

To support learning use the work set on to help practice grammar and maths skills:
Doodle for Students | DoodleLearning
Children should have logins for this
NRICH - Mathematics Resources for Teachers, Parents and Students to Enrich Learning (maths.org) and National Curriculum Resource Tool | NCETM both provide ideas for developing children's mathematical understanding.



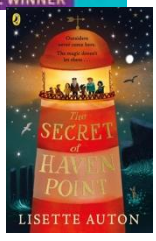
Author of the Half Term

Each half term, we will have a focus author of Tony Bradman and Onjali Q. Rauf and we are also reading the book Chronicles of Lizard Nobody by Patrick Ness and book recently short listed for different awards.



Recommending Reading Books- The Secret of Haven Point

Washed up as a baby beside a remote lighthouse and raised by a mermaid, Alpha Lux was the first foundling at Haven Point. Now the lighthouse is a ramshackle home for any disabled person who needs somewhere to belong. But when Alpha spots a strange light up on the headland, she realizes that her beloved family are in danger of being discovered by Outsiders.
With their home under threat, the Wrecklings must decide what kind of future they want . . . and what they're willing to do to get it.



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, either through class dojo or at school drop off or pick up.

Many thanks,
Mrs Carton