

Welcome to Year 5!

It has been wonderful to have the children back; they have settled well into their new classrooms and routines. We are really looking forward to getting to know all the children and being a part of their Year 5 learning journey. Below we have outlined for you the topics that we will cover throughout the Autumn Term as well as information on Homework and PE lessons.

Literacy: This half term, we will be focusing on a significant world event 'The sinking of the Titanic'. Our writing outcomes will include narratives from Third-Class passengers, an information text and we will be debating the question; 'Who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic?'.

Throughout Year 5 we will be working on building children's reading stamina and enjoyment. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home both on their own and with you and make daily use of their Reading Log. Your children should make sure they are finding out the meaning of any new words they come across in their reading, as this will broaden their vocabulary and support both their reading and writing.

As well as learning weekly spelling rules, during the first half of the Autumn term, we will also be focusing on the Year 3/4 spelling list so that children can consolidate before moving onto the Year 5/6 spelling list later on in the term. Please help your child learn their weekly spellings.

Maths: Children will continue to consolidate the Maths covered in Year 4; we will be spending some time at the beginning of every maths topic revising the Year 4 maths curriculum before moving children on to their Year 5 maths targets. We will begin with consolidating and extending the children's understanding of place value of numbers to 1,000,000 and later in the term they will also be learning the formal methods for all four operations to support in problem solving activities. It is vital that all children know their multiplication tables, and the support you give at home with this will be of great benefit when trying to access the Year 5 curriculum. We will be setting weekly homework tasks that can be completed online. We will make sure that the children have their logins for TT Rockstars so that they can access these resources at home. Practising timetables will continue to be important for them and practising even higher tables such as the 13x and 14x tables will be imperative for year 6 when exploring long division.

Science: The Science Topic this half term is Forces, and we will be revisiting some learning on gravity and learning how this impacts on other forces; for example air resistance and water resistance. Children will be asking scientific questions and creating experiments to answer their questions. Our scientist focus will be Isaac Newton and children will be using non-fiction sources to read and learn about his discoveries and laws. After half term we will be looking at

Earth and Space, where children will be learning about the Earth's movements in relation to the sun and other planets.

History: We will focus on History in the first half of the Autumn term, where we will be exploring the Golden Age of Islam. Using a range of sources, we will be selecting relevant evidence to build up a picture of life in this ancient civilisation. We are also lucky enough to have a wonderful company providing a workshop in school to support this learning, dates for which are to be confirmed.

Geography: The second half of the Autumn term we will have more of a Geography focus, where we will be learning about South America. We will be using atlases to identify the countries that are a part of South America as well as identify key physical features such as climate, biomes and vegetation belts that differ across this continent.

PE: Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. The children should bring their PE kit, white t-shirt and black shorts or joggers/leggings, to school on a Monday and leave it in school for the week as sometimes the timetable can vary. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and only studs at other times and long hair should be tied back.

Computing & PSHE: In PSHE this term our focus is on children's wellbeing by focusing on their transition into Year 5 and reminding them of the school values. Alongside this we will also be exploring how to have a positive healthy relationship with their peers. This ties into our Computing curriculum where we will be looking at e-safety and how to keep safe online as well as exploring new apps that can support our learning.

Art and DT: We will be exploring Islamic tile mosaics using the skill of printing and sculpture. We will work with clay and build on the skills used in Year 4. After half term, our focus shifts to DT where we will be making homemade chicken goujons and comparing these to shop bought varieties, as part of our healthy eating topic.

RE: Year 5 this term will be exploring the Christian church calendar and the various festivals that are held across the year. Within this we will also be learning about the life of Jesus.

MFL: This half term we will be looking at greetings, verbs in positive and negative form especially when talking about family members. In the second half of the autumn term, we will express our opinions about food.

Music: Mr Drew will be teaching class curriculum music lessons on Wednesdays so if your child plays an instrument, they can bring it that day in addition to any other music lessons they might have in the week.

Home Learning: We would like to emphasise the importance of either reading with your child or ensuring your child reads independently each evening and to make a record in their reading

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log. Reading logs will be checked on a regular basis by the class teachers. There may be some children who would like to use their journal to write about the book they are currently reading and use it to recommend books to others. Year 5 children will be asked to learn spellings weekly that will be assessed in class. We will also ask them to carry out a weekly maths activity. Occasionally, we may set topic related home learning or send other additional short tasks such as handwriting practise. Homework will be given out on a Friday and expected back on Thursday.

School Trips and Experiences: We are continuing a 'pay as you go' method which can be paid for via MCAS. We would be grateful if you could pay for these promptly as soon as you receive the information to ensure we can book the exciting trips, workshops and theatre groups for the rest of the year. The letter is available on our website [Deansfield Primary School - Communication & Letters Home \(compassps.uk\)](https://www.compassps.uk/deansfield-primary-school-communication-letters-home)

Uniform: We would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is for all children to wear the correct school uniform. Your child's PE kit should be in school on **Monday**, they will then return it on Friday. Please remember that all school uniform and equipment should be named (including lunch boxes and water bottles please!).

Keeping in touch: We are available at the end of the day for any quick queries you may have, otherwise please contact us via **Google Classroom**. We will respond within **three working days**. If your matter is urgent, please email the school office at deansfield@compassps.uk.

Thank you for your support.

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