Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 1



Dear Families,

We hope your children have had a great start to the Autumn term in their new classes. We have a busy half term ahead, packed with lots of learning which we hope our year 5 children will enjoy.

In mathematics, we are currently learning about place value, by revisiting our learning from year 4 and building on to this by learning about numbers up to 1 million.

In writing, we are currently learning how to write third person stories set in another culture, with a focus on Australia. We are also working on our handwriting to improve fluency, legibility and speed of writing.

In reading, we are using a book called **Shackleton's Journey, by William Gill**. So far, we have worked on our retrieval skills,
summarising skills and authorial intent (which is the reasons why an
author has chosen to display or write in a particular style).

In science, we are looking at growth, from gestation through to old age. In geography ,we are looking at cartography, with a focus on the Northern Hemisphere, as well as coordinates of the globe. In history, we are learning about Baghdad, known for its significance in Islam. We will also be learning knowledge and skills in a broad range of subjects, including art, D&T, French, PE, RE, PSHE, music and computing.

From Miss McIlroy, Mrs Howard and Mrs Wilsoncroft

Important Dates

19/9/22 Public Holiday (Academy Closed)

28/9/22 and 29/9/22—parents evenings

29/9/22—Macmillan coffee morning

30/9/22—individual photographs

w/c. 10/10/22 assessment week

Home Learning

Weekly homework is set every **Friday** and is due back into class on the following **Thursday**.

Weekly homework is:

- Spellings (1 activity per week)
- Maths (1 activity per week + TT Rockstars—more information to follow)
- Reading (3x a week— we are in the process of providing children with reading books)

Half termly homework is:

- One open ended subject activity.
- A maths problem or investigation.

Home Reading Challenge

This half terms reading **challenge** is 25+ reads at home with an adult. Children will receive a **book** mark and the child with the **highest number** of reads from each class will receive a star reader badge.

PE

Terranova—Monday and Tuesday

HMS Ark Royal— Wednesday and Thursday

Endurance—Wednesday and Thursday

Children to arrive to school in PE kit

A plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.