



Year 5 Newsletter

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Raleigh Infant and
Admirals Academies

Welcome

Dear Families,
We hope you enjoyed the recent break
and wish you a happy new year.



This half term promises to be an exciting journey as we will be exploring the continent of Australia in **Geography**, where we will learn about its unique cultures, remarkable wildlife, and geographical features. In **History**, we will dive deep into the complexities of the French Revolution, examining its causes, significant events, and lasting impacts on society. Our **Art** lessons will take us on a creative adventure through Western Africa. In **Music**, we will immerse ourselves in the enchanting sounds of the Planet Suite, discovering how music reflects our world. Our discussions in **RE** will build upon our understanding of Sikhism and the importance of community. We will also be working with a specialist drama teacher this term.

Year 5 team

Dates



06/01/26—spring
term starts

12/01/26—Swimming starts for Terra Nova

W.c. 16/01/26—Assessment Week

Homework reminder

Homework is set on a Thursday and
is due in the following Tuesday.

English

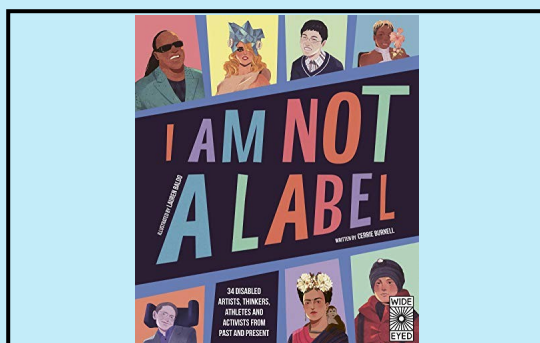
Writing

We will be revisiting writing third person stories set in another culture, as well as writing formal letters of application. We will also explore poems that use word play.

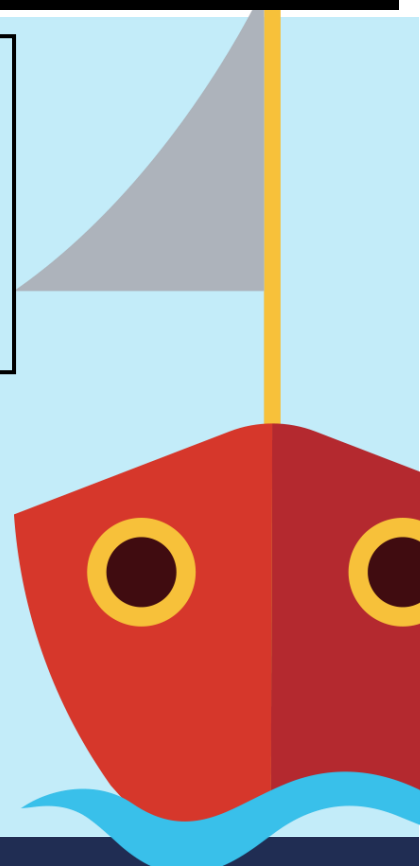
Our spellings will focus on learning words from the Year 5/6 statutory word list, -cial/-tial words and -cious/tious words. We will also continue to work on our handwriting to improve fluency, legibility and speed of writing

Reading

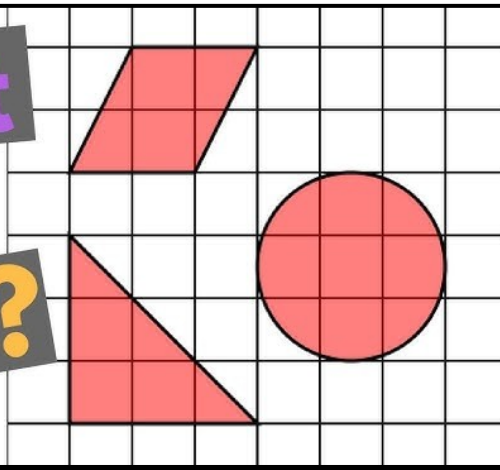
We will read the non-fiction book, *I Am Not a Label*, and the fictional *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We will build on our reading skills of predicting, retrieving, inferring, comparing and summarising.



More information can be found online at www.raleighinfant.co.uk



What is Area?



Maths

We will be learning what perimeter and area are and will know how to calculate these. We will also learn about scaling.

Working on our fluency skills, including our times tables, will help us to calculate perimeter and area with confidence.

Continued practice using your child's TT Rockstars log in will really support them in improving their Maths fluency.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we will be diving into some exciting topics. We'll be discussing our future dreams and aspirations, as well as the importance of spending, saving and the value of money. We will explore various jobs and careers, considering what our dream job looks like and the steps we need to take to get there. Additionally, we'll examine how different cultures set their own goals and the value of supporting others in our journeys. Finally, we will focus on motivation.



French

This half term, children will focus on learning about friends and family. They will be able to describe family members, use the correct possessive adjective and will use the correct definite and indefinite articles.



Science

This term, we will explore living things in their habitats, focusing on the life cycles of plants and animals.



We will also celebrate the incredible work of **Dame Jane**

Goodall and **Sir David Attenborough** and their lasting contributions to science.



PE



Monday

Swimming: Terra Nova

Friday

Tag rugby and dance

PE kit is needed

- black shorts and white t shirt
- dark coloured tracksuit



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