



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2
2026

Raleigh Infant and
Admirals Academies

Welcome

We hope you enjoyed the recent break. We have another busy half term ahead of us. We will be exploring New Zealand in **Geography**, where we will learn about its unique cultures, remarkable wildlife, and geographical features. In **History**, we will focus on the Transatlantic Slave Trade. We will look at a range of historical sources to help understand the origins of it, how slaves were treated and when it was abolished. Our **Art** lessons will focus on the delicate skill of Chinese painting and ceramics. In **Music**, we will learn about rock and roll music. Our discussions in **RE** will build upon our knowledge of Christianity, focusing on Easter.



Year 5 team



23/02/26—Swimming continues for Terra Nova class

5/3/26—World Book Day (dress up/wear pyjamas)

10/3/26—Parents' Evening 1

11/3/26—Parents' Evening 2

12/3/26—Virtual Frisbee competition (PE kits)

20/3/26—Y5 Poetry performance (parents invited)

23/3/26—Pinocchio Pantomime performance

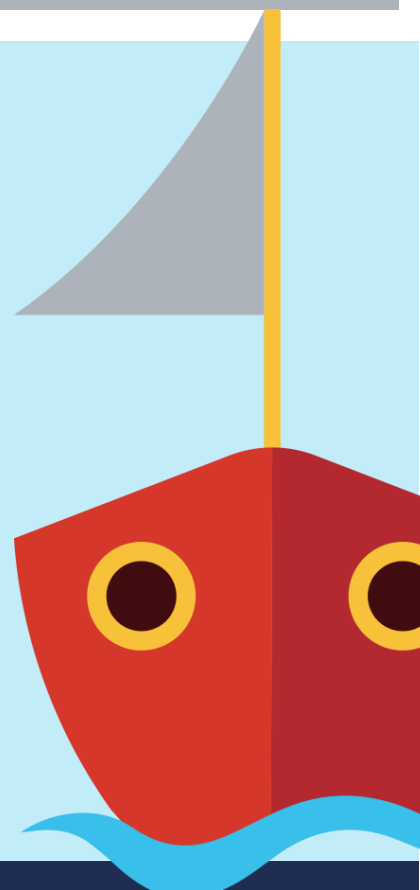
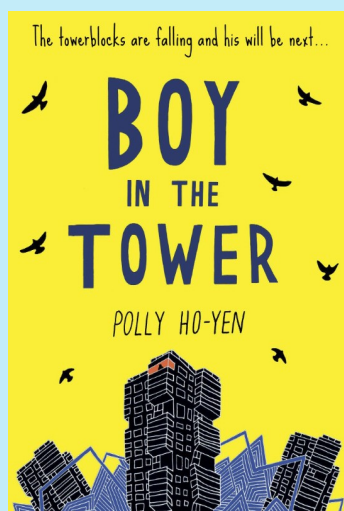
English

Writing

We will be writing a biography, following learning about Jim Lovell's career as an astronaut. We will also retell A Midsummer Night's Dream, as well as working on our poetry presentation skills. Our spellings will focus on continuing to learn words from the Year 5/6 statutory word list and homophones. We will continue to work on our handwriting to improve fluency, legibility and speed of writing

Reading

We will read the novel **Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen. We will continue to build on our reading skills of predicting, retrieving, inferring, comparing and summarising.



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

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Maths

This half-term, we will build on our existing knowledge of decimal place value and multiplication and division of fractions. We will also be learning about factors, multiples and primes.

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

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on; Smoking (including vaping), alcohol and anti-social behaviour, emergency aid, body image, relationships with food, healthy choices and motivation and behaviour

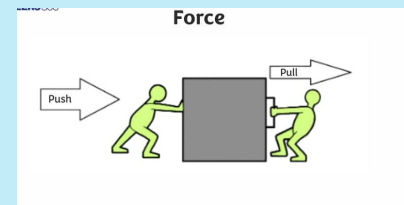


DT

This half term, children will learn about different types of bread, including unleavened bread, and honey. They will then have the opportunity to bake their own pitta bread or honey cake. Weighing ingredients, following a recipe and clearing up afterwards are all of the skills that will be focused on, along with tasting, and lastly, evaluating the finished products.



Science



We will be learning about, and investigating, a range of different forces, including gravity and air resistance.



We will be planning and carrying out an investigation on the surface area of parachutes. We will revisit our understanding of dependent and independent variables.

PE



Monday: Terra Nova will be swimming.

Friday: PE (athletics and cricket)

PE kit is needed on these days

- black shorts and white t shirt
- dark coloured tracksuit

