

# Year 5 Newsletter

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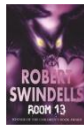


The staff in Yr5 are: Mrs. Sangha, Miss. Choudhury and the TA Miss. Bagga

### Introduction

Welcome to our newsletter! We are pleased to tell you that Year 5 have settled in wonderfully this term, and have made a fabulous start to their learning this year! 😊

### Curriculum



### English

This term, children have explored a range of exciting topics which have enriched their learning. Pupils in year 5 have enjoyed exploring the exciting texts 'The Great Kapok Tree' and 'Room 13'. Through these texts, pupils have developed a range of skills including drama and role play, speaking and listening as well as working on their written language and grammar skills.



### Maths

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their maths lessons this term. Children have become more skilled in using different working out methods involving the four operations, such as compact addition, short multiplication and the bus stop method. We have also developed our mathematical understanding of properties of shapes, carroll diagrams, reflections, translations, lines of symmetry, measurement, angles and line graphs. Well done young mathematicians!

### Science

We have developed our scientific understanding through our study of living things and habitats as well as forces. We have taken part in exciting investigations such as plant cuttings, the conditions needed for germination, creating and testing stream lined boats, and using Newton meters to measure mass and weight of objects.

### Geography

Through the study of exciting topics such as the Amazon rainforest and the Maya civilisation, pupils have developed their geographical and historical understanding. They have done lots of research on the indigenous tribes of the rainforest as well becoming more aware of important topics such as deforestation. Furthermore, year 5 have enjoyed learning about the Mayas, their way of life and how inventive and resourceful they were. They have used their art and design skills to create some fabulous Mayan masks!



### Modern Foreign Language

Through French, pupils have developed their language skills and have explored seasons and music. Bien year 5!

### Computing & DT

We have also explored programming using Scratch and have had a go creating working mechanisms using Lego Wedo. We linked this to our forces topic and used gears to make our very own inventions!

### New Reading books

As you are aware, pupils have come home with exciting new reading books! Please ensure that you are reading with your child and signing the reading diaries, as well as asking them questions about what they read. E.g. What has happened in your story? Why is the character feeling this way?

Please remind children to bring in books and diaries every day. ☺

### Home learning

It is very important that children are completing their homework, as this consolidates the work we do in school. Please remind your children to try their very best and bring their homework in every Wednesday.

We have introduced Times tables Rockstars to the children this half term, please encourage your child to use the link regularly to become the ultimate rockstar hero! Rock on dudes!

Thank you parents; we appreciate you working with us to support your child!

### Important dates

Trip to be confirmed!

Watch out for Father Christmas! We hope you're on the good list children!

**A note from 5S**—It was so lovely seeing so many parents come and support their child at the class assembly. The children were happy to see their parents too! Wouldn't you agree that the children were amazing with their performances?! Well done children!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 5 team ☺

