



Gilbertstone Primary School Year 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter



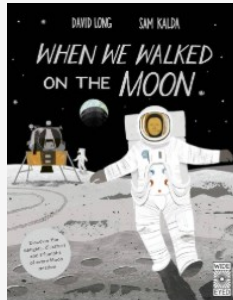
Hello and welcome to Year 5!



The children have started the term with a positive attitude and heaps of energy! They quickly adapted to new changes and Year 5 expectations and have demonstrated that they are ready to become a bit more independent. They agreed that treating each other with kindness and listening to each other were the best qualities for a happy, friendly classroom.

Literacy

This half term, the children will be reading a wonderful book called 'When We Walked on the Moon'. They will discover the dangers, disasters and triumphs of every moon mission. The children will write an exploration narrative about landing on the moon and a formal mission log. As part of our grammar skills, the children will be learning to use dashes for parenthesis, modal verbs, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation.



Reading

Children have now started to read their Guided Reading text. This half term, 5I will read 'The Silver Arrow' and 5S will be reading 'Palaeontology'. They are developing reading for pleasure alongside useful reading skills and strategies like retrieval and interpret.



Maths

In Maths this half term we are going to be exploring place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). In order to access all the learning in year 5 confidently, it is crucial that children can rapidly recall all their times tables up to 12x12. If your child is not yet confident, please support them with daily practice at home and encourage them to use TT Rockstars.



Science

In Science this half term, we will learn about mixtures, solutions and the different processes of separating materials. We will be conducting many practical experiments and using new scientific vocabulary.



Wider Curriculum

This half term we will have a focus on Geography and Design and Technology. In Geography, we will learn about the Alps and compare some of the human and physical features to our local area. In D&T, we will be focusing on using electrical circuits and motors to design and create moving mechanisms called the Doodlers.



First Week Back

Year 5 have initiated the Autumn term by thinking about essential life skills. We focused on Aiming High and created a door display that showcased this skill. Moreover, upon reading a beautifully illustrated book titled, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, the children wrote acrostic poems and drew an illustration related to the text, ready for our Literacy display, which can be admired in the KS2 corridor.



PE

Year 5 children will have outdoor PE on a **Wednesday** and our focus will be cricket. Children will learn how to bowl, bat, field and wicket keep correctly in team games.

On **Thursdays**, as part of our indoor PE lessons, we will focus on skills related to fitness. Children will develop their speed, stamina, stability, strength, balance and coordination skills in a variety of challenges.

Please come to school in your PE kit.

Forest School

Year 5 children will have Forest School once each half term. This term, we have some exciting bushcraft activities planned, including tying a clove hitch knot with string and building shelters.



5I will have Forest School on **Tuesday 14th October.**

5S will have Forest School on **Friday 17th October.**

Homework

Children will be sent home with spelling homework along with a look, cover, write activity and a maths workbook. They will receive it on **Fridays** and will need to return them on **Wednesdays**. We will send you a text message to inform you of the homework pages that children need to complete in the maths workbook.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 Team

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