



# Gilbertstone Primary School

## Year 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter



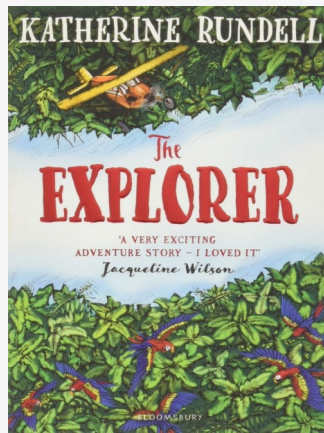
Hello and welcome to Year 5!



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 by Katherine Rundell titled 'The Explorer', which tells the story of 4 young children's adventures in the Amazon Rainforest. Year 5 have created their own versions of a newspaper article and tried very hard to include all the necessary features and quotes.



### Reading

Children have now started to read their Guided

Reading text, The Silver Arrow and Palaeontology, they are developing reading for pleasure alongside useful reading skills and strategies like retrieval or inference.

Please remember to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diary.



### 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.



## Display boards

Year 5 have initiated the Autumn term by thinking about essential, life skills. We focused on Problem Solving and Aiming High and created a door display that showcased those skills. Moreover, upon reading a beautifully illustrated book titled the FaRther, children wrote letters and decorated them ready for our Literacy display, which can be admired in the KS2 corridor.



## PE

Year 5 children will have indoor PE on a **Tuesday** and outdoor PE on a **Wednesday**.

Please come to school in your PE kit.

### PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts
- White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

## Forest School

Year 5 children will have Forest School once each half term.

**5K** will have Forest School on **Monday 14th October**.

**5S** will have Forest School on **Friday 18th October**.



## Uniform

Children have come back to school looking super smart! Please ensure all clothes items are labelled with your child's name and class so we can prevent items being lost. Thank you.

## Other important information

Children will be sent home with spelling homework along with a look, cover, write activity. They will receive it on Fridays and will need to return them on Wednesdays.

At the end of every Maths unit children will be given a Maths homework booklet to complete..

Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 Team

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