



Year 5 Newsletter



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Our Learning

Curriculum Themes

This half-term, we will be working through three different curriculum themes:

- Conflict (following on from last half term)
- Coding Heroes
- Empires and Slavery

In Coding Heroes, Year 5 will be making their own video games with Year 6. Empires and Slavery will enable our pupils to deepen their understanding of history around the world. Empires and Slavery will continue into the Spring Term.

English

Year 5 are learning about the picture book Firebird by Saviour Pirotta this half term. We will be writing our own newspaper reports and stories based on this text – focusing on writing in sections that make sense as well as dialogue.

Maths

In Maths, Year 5 will continue their development in number work by learning about multiples, factors, prime and composite numbers as well as square and cube numbers. This will help us prepare for written methods of multiplication and division in the Spring Term.

Science

In Science, we are learning about our solar system. This will include exploring how the Earth orbits the Sun and the Moon orbits the Earth. We will be making our own scale models of our solar system using different fruits!

History

Throughout the Empires and Slavery theme, Year 5 will be creating their own hypotheses about themes in history – using a range of sources to investigate. Our pupils began to select their own sources in the Conflict theme and they will have more opportunities to do this throughout the theme.

Geography

Building on the map work we did in Conflict, we will use maps, atlases and globes to explore trade routes around different empires in history.

Art and Design Technology

Year 5 will be exploring digital art to enhance their designs. This will include making box art for the computer games we make in computing as well as magazine articles incorporating digital art.

Homework

Homework is again project based and will cover learning from the Coding Heroes and Empires and Slavery themes. Year 5 pupils should complete 7 activities to hand in on **Friday 13th December**.

Spellings

Spellings are taught daily in Year 5. We send these home every Tuesday to practise. There is a quiz on the spelling rule each week.

Times Table Rockstars, Accelerated Reader and SPAG.com

are online resources your child can access at home. Your child's login details can be found in their homework book. We use the information we get from these applications to help assess where your child is in their learning so they more they do, the more progress they will make.

Coding Heroes

As part of this curriculum theme, we are encouraging all of our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils to explore the possibilities of game and application creation. Some great resources to use at home are:

- Super Mario Maker (Nintendo 3DS, Switch, Wii U)
- <https://scratch.mit.edu/> (free online coding website)
- Minecraft (most online devices)
- Kodu Game Lab (free online – download required to a computer)

Safeguarding is our main priority at Holybrook Primary School. Common Sense Media is a great website for checking if games, films or tv series are appropriate for children. This is part of our learning about online safety. It will be useful to talk with your child about this.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

Marvellous Me

Our pupils love seeing who has given them a 'high five' on Marvellous Me. Please look out for daily updates about your child's learning on this great service.

Home Reading and Raving Readers

Year 5 have done an amazing job making sure they are reading regularly. We would love to see more of the Raving Reader activities completed.

Number of times read	Prize	Tasks from Reading Journals
25	Badge	Complete 3 tasks
50	Leather bookmark	Complete 7 tasks
100	Book for the class	10 tasks completed
200	Book for yourself	15 tasks completed
250	Trip to Waterstones	All tasks completed
Golden Reader 300	A book collection	Their chosen book for a book of the month review (for the library) to be completed
Child in KS1 and 2 who reads the most all year	A year-long magazine subscription	All tasks completed

There are examples of each challenge in your child's reading journal. We use these journals in lessons too so please make sure your child brings this to school every day. **Raving Reader challenges should be completed in homework books.**

Please feel free to share amazing reading from children – and adults - on our social media channels using the hashtag #HolyBOOKps

Useful Information and Dates

Remembrance Day

Our children have been amazing learning about our first curriculum theme – conflict. They have shown a great understanding of the impact of World War 2. We would like to share these with you to finish this theme on **Monday 11th November at 3pm**. This will take place in the school hall.

PE Kits

PE kit should be in school each **Friday** and kit lists are available if required. Swimming is on **Wednesdays**. Please speak with a member of the Year 5 team if your child has an injury preventing them taking part in PE so alternative provision can be made for them to join in the lesson. Our PE theme this half term is cross-country running so **outdoor kit** is essential. Please could each child bring a plastic bag with them in case we get muddy!

Bun Sale

Many thanks for supporting our recent bun sale. We will be having another one on **Tuesday 26th November** in the Key Stage 2 playground after school. 30p per bun.

Please feel free to pop in for a chat before or after school to talk about your child's progress. We are here to help and we all hope your child loves their time with us in Year 5. Thank you for your support in your child's learning.

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