



# Year 5 Newsletter



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Holybrook Primary  
School

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Happy New Year!

## Our Learning

### Curriculum Themes

Our main theme this term is Empires and Slavery. Year 5 are exploring historical events, social issues and the legacy of the British Empire. As with all areas of learning at Holybrook Primary School, our pupils will approach this in a balanced way – exploring evidence from different points of view to create their own hypotheses. It is an exciting time to be in Year 5 with such mature themes being explored! Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about this theme and how we are developing curriculum skills through it.

### English

Year 5 wrote some amazing newspaper reports based on the amazing 'Firebird' text last half term. They will build on this in the Spring Term by comparing the text to other folktales from different cultures. This includes different versions of Aladdin – which bears more than a few similarities with the events of Firebird.

### Maths

Having worked hard on our addition and subtraction skills, we are now moving on to developing our multiplication and division skills. Year 5 pupils will have many opportunities to apply their calculation skills throughout this half term as we will then work on perimeter and area. Look out on Marvellous Me for examples of our written calculation methods as we introduce them to the pupils.

### Science

We are continuing our work on the Solar System this half term. Having investigated the way planets orbit and move, we are now looking at the phases of the moon and how its movements are similar and different to the planets in our Solar System.

### History

In our 'Conflict' theme, Year 5 learned how to build a hypothesis about the past. They will have many opportunities to build on this in the 'Empires and Slavery' theme – stretching from the first colonies being established in the British Empire to the end in 1997.

### Geography

Whilst exploring our history skills, our pupils will have the opportunity to use maps to locate different areas of the British Empire as well as how trade routes developed and changed.

### Art and Design Technology

Famous Indian artist Nandalal Bose is the focus of our learning this half term. Bose is famous for his work depicting social movements in India and broadening the media he used throughout his life. Year 5 will be recreating two of his most famous pieces using watercolours and printing techniques.

## PE

PE is an important part of the school curriculum and it is essential we all have appropriate kit each week. Please speak with Mr. Wallis if you require clarification on what your child needs for PE.

Swimming will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons. Year 5 also have PE on Fridays, as before, and our new theme is 'Street Dance'.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### PE kit

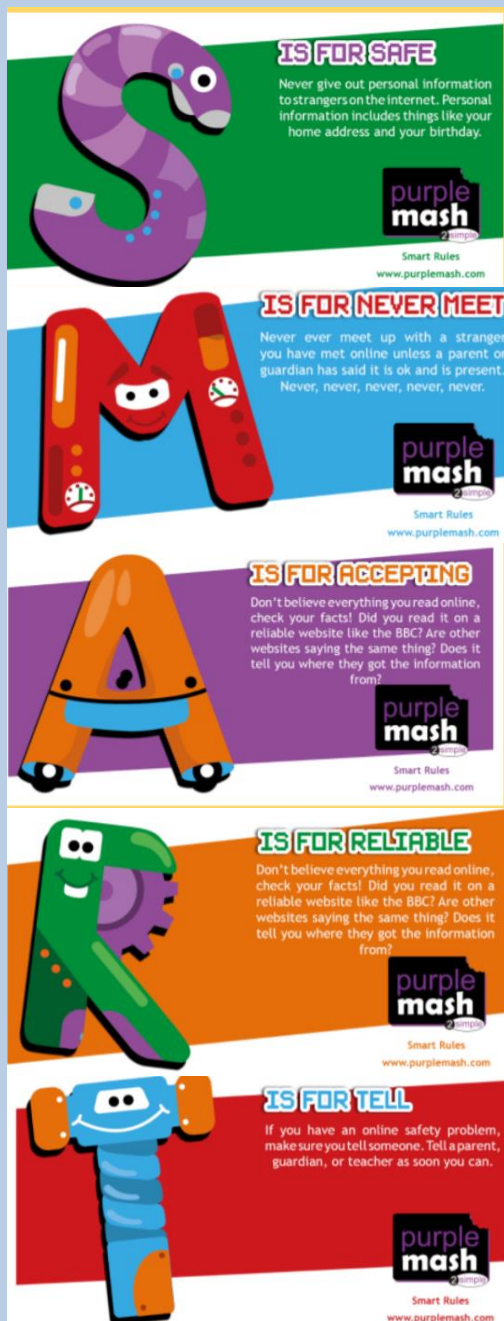
Plain black, grey or navy jogging bottoms or shorts  
Plain white t-shirt  
Plain black or navy sweatshirt or 'hoodie' for outdoor PE during winter  
Black or white trainers (these may have small brand logos) – for outdoor PE  
Black indoor pumps  
PE Bag: **this will be provided by school**

### Year 5 Swimming

Swimming trunks, swimsuit or swimming costume and footless leggings  
Swimming cap or hair bobble for long hair.  
Towel  
Waterproof bag

**Please note:** NO BANGLES, RINGS, NECKLACES, NOSE STUDS OR WATCHES TO BE WORN IN SCHOOL Hair ornaments are to be black, brown or blue. Hair bands/scrunchie are allowed, but no fashion ornaments please E.G. Jo Jo Bows.  
**Shoes must be plain – no sparkles etc.**

## Useful Information



### Online Safety

Some useful websites that the pupils will be using during this curriculum theme are:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>

<https://www.britannica.com/>

We teach the pupils to be S.M.A.R.T) when using technology and the internet. Please be aware of this when your child uses these websites as some of the sources contain sensitive information about the past.

### Homework

Homework is again project based and will cover learning from the Empires and Slavery theme. Year 5 pupils should complete 6 activities to hand in on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Spellings

Spellings are taught daily in Year 5. We send these home every week 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.

### Purple Mash

You will have seen your child bring home a username and password for Purple Mash, which is an online resource we use in school. We set extra projects called '2Dos' on this service. When your child logs in, these will appear on their taskbar. They will be able to deepen their skills in areas such as maths, computing and writing.

### Educational Visit

We will be visiting the 'Hello Universe' exhibition at the **National Media Museum** this term on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. This visit supports our learning in Science.

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### 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.

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.

Mr. Wallis, Miss. Lee and Mrs. Foster