

RED CLASS NEWS



Spring Term 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed the cold, frosty weather. Our topic for this term is comparing the geographical features of where we live to North America. Our PE this term will be gymnastics with A4A, orienteering and tag rugby. The orienteering will take place in our Forest School session on a Monday afternoon and the PE will be on a Tuesday.

Reading

In Year 5, our expectations for reading remain the same as last term. We ask that children read for at least one hour across the week in their own time, as regular reading has a big impact on their progress and confidence.

Children are strongly encouraged to read every night with an adult. They will be given either a reading scheme book or a book matched to their reading level, and this should be read together with an adult, including talking about the story, characters and key information. Conversations are especially important.

These books help children develop a love of reading and build stamina and confidence as readers.

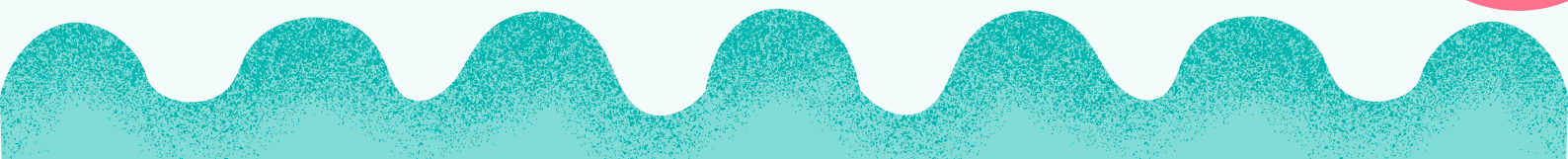
Home learning

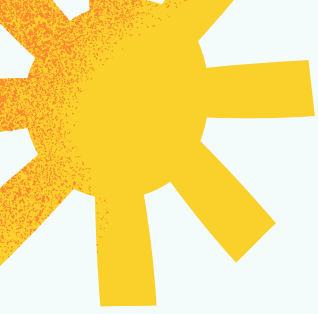
As we move further into Year 5, our times tables are becoming more of a highlight for homework, especially formal methods of long multiplication and short division.

The children will have a fluency sheet set every Friday due for the following week or may complete their learning on Maths Shed.

Spelling shed is consistently put up every week with a new word set. We go through these in school but practice at home is vital for them to consolidate and be able to use these spellings in their writing.

We recommend that children engage with their home learning as we teach the children these methods at school but their home learning allows them to practise and consolidate their learning.





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Maths

Children will learn formal methods of multiplication and division, including long multiplication and short division. They will develop their understanding of decimals, exploring tenths, hundredths and thousandths, and how these link to percentages, fractions and decimals. In measures, children will calculate the area and perimeter of shapes while practising calculation skills. In statistics, they will interpret graphs, including line graphs and timetables, and answer questions using the information.

PE & Forest School

Please make sure your child has a PE bag on their peg every day, as some times we might change into trainers on a non PE day to do our exercise. They are welcome to have blue/black tracksuit bottoms for our outdoor PE while the weather is colder. Our PE day will be held on a Tuesday.

For this first half term, children will have their orienteering lessons in the forest. Please ensure forest school bags are in school for every Monday in the first half of term

Useful Reminders

Please ensure that your child has a healthy morning snack if they would like. Fruit is no longer provided in KS2 and the children often need a little something to get them through the morning until lunch time. . Please make sure the snack is sugar free, ideally fruit or vegetables. Also, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day as cartons or juice bottles are not appropriate for school.

Please check that all uniform, PE kits, snack pots, hats etc are named to avoid losing anything.

Please refer to our class topic web for a more detailed explanation of the learning that will be covered during this spring term. The timetable is the same as last term and Mrs McLaughlin and Ms Uter continue to be our teaching assistants.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us via dojo if you have any queries or just need to drop us a quick message. We check regularly and aim to reply on the same day or the following day if not within working school hours.

We are looking forward to another fun term in green class! Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Anna & team

