



# RED CLASS NEWS

## Summer 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final term of Year 5, the Summer Term! I hope you all enjoyed the break and had some lovely family time together.

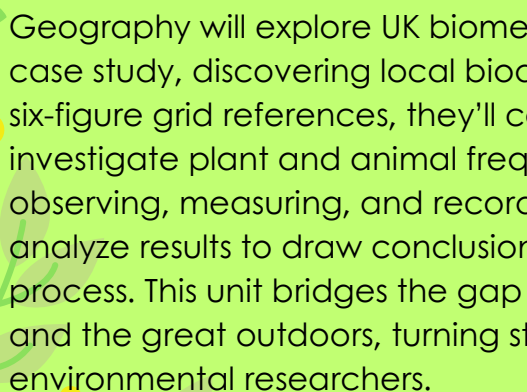
### Curriculum



In English, we'll be reading lots of different stories and facts. We'll work on using punctuation such as, commas and brackets, spelling tricky words, and understanding more about how to use clauses in our writing.

In Maths, we'll focus on understanding fractions and decimal places. We'll also look at shapes, angles, and how to measure things, like converting different units.

In History, we're traveling to the Classic Period of the Maya! Students will uncover the secrets behind their incredible success, from complex social hierarchies and beliefs to revolutionary farming inventions. By analyzing archaeological evidence, we'll also bridge the gap between civilizations—comparing Maya City-States to the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms studied earlier this year. It's a fascinating deep dive into how these two distinct worlds compare, contrast, and continue to shape our understanding of history.




Geography will explore UK biomes through a New Forest case study, discovering local biodiversity. After mastering six-figure grid references, they'll conduct fieldwork to investigate plant and animal frequency nearby. By observing, measuring, and recording data, children will analyze results to draw conclusions and evaluate their process. This unit bridges the gap between the classroom and the great outdoors, turning students into capable environmental researchers.

### Forest School and PE



Forest School returns on Monday afternoons for the second half of the term. This will allow us to complete our geography fieldwork studying the bioe of our forest. Make sure your child wears clothing that covers their skin and has sturdy shoes.

PE is on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. From this term, we are asking that on days that we have PE, children are to wear their school PE kit to school for the entire day but return to normal unofrm on non-PE days. This will allow children to have more privacy when changing as changing spaces are limited within school.



Make sure to check our class topic web on the school website if you're curious to learn more.



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### Home Learning

It's important to support your child with their homework. We expect children to:

- Use Spelling Shed to practice weekly spellings. They can also write sentences using these words in their home learning book to help them understand the words better.
- Use Maths Shed or any worksheets we send home to practice their maths skills. Although we have concluded our fractions and long multiplication units, home learning will continue to be based on this to ensure fluency and consolidation.
- Read every day. Now that they're older, they might prefer reading quietly, but having a reading time to discuss the book helps ensure they understand it. Remember to record their reading in their reading diary. This helps me know how they're doing and if they need any help.

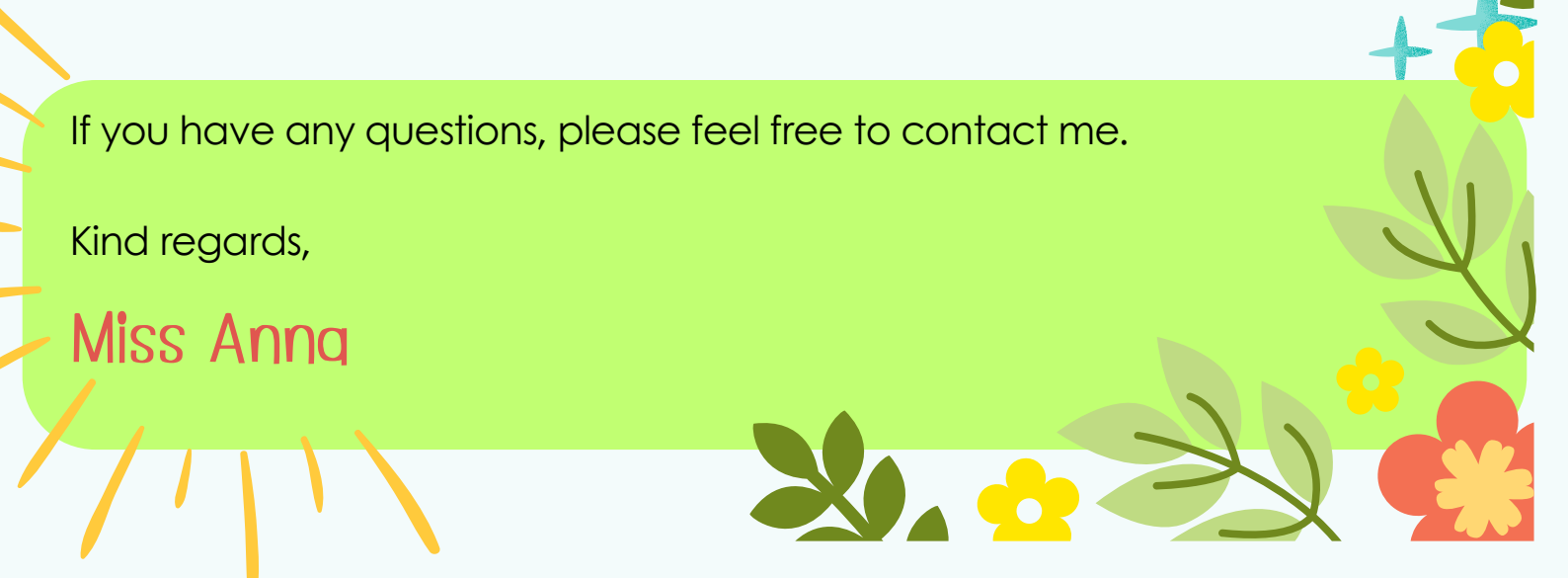
### Reminders

Trip to Rosemoor: we are delighted to be visiting Rosemoor gardens to deepen our understanding of reproduction in plants. Further information will follow.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle at school to stay hydrated throughout the day.

As it's summer, please apply sun cream in the morning and ensure your child takes antihistamines before school if they suffer from hay fever. A rainy day might still pop up, so please pack a coat just in case!

Healthy snacks for morning break are encouraged so please try to avoid sugary treats. Keep snacks healthy with fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, or plain popcorn. Please remember we are a strictly nut-free school to ensure all our children stay safe!



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

**Miss Anna**