

# Welcome to Year 5

## Spring Term 2024



Happy New Year to you all and we are looking forward to a very exciting term in Year 5 with lots going on. Please find below useful dates and information about this term. We look forward to meeting you again at the Parent Open Evenings at the end of March and we value your continued support with reading, learning times tables and homework. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via email.

Class Teachers	<b>5AR Mrs Alcock</b> (debbie.alcock@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk) <b>5AR Mrs Ryan</b> (vicki.ryan@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk) <b>5M Mr Miller</b> (SMiller@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk) <b>Mrs Tang</b> —English groups Mon-Thurs mornings
Teaching Assistants	<b>Mrs Thacker, Mrs Donovan, Miss Hallett, Mrs White and Mrs Mason</b>
Important Dates	<b>Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February</b> Half Term Holiday <b>Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March</b> Year 5 Open Evenings
Homework	<b>Reading:</b> at least 4 times a week <b>Spellings:</b> handed out on a <b>Tuesday</b> for a test the following Tuesday <b>Homework</b> will be handed out every Tuesday to be handed in the following <b>Monday</b> (this is usually further practise of maths that we have already covered in class). Quick recall of times tables facts is very important so regular practice, little and often, really helps. In Year 5, it is expected that children know <b>all</b> times tables up to 12 x 12. Times Tables Rockstars is a great way of developing speedy recall and confidence.
Home School Diary	Please encourage your child to bring this to school <b>daily</b> as it is a great way of recording their reading. Children really benefit from lots of reading at home including having stories read to them as well as independent reading.
PE	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Wednesdays</b> Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school <b>all week</b> . Year 5 are developing skills in gymnastics and dance as well as learning yoga and volleyball.
English	Our focus is action and suspense writing and we are learning the story of Beowulf to support this. We will be practicing techniques such as powerful verbs, show not tell, personification and slowing down the action. We will be reading Malamander by Thomas Taylor as our class text which showcases many of these techniques.
Maths	Children will be multiplying and dividing numbers using mental arithmetic strategies and formal, written calculations. We will then move onto finding the area and perimeter of 2D shapes. After half term, we will be exploring fractions by converting, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting. Rapid recall of all times tables, up to 12 x 12, is <b>vital</b> in order to fully access the curriculum - please ensure that your child is practicing regularly.
History	Our History topic is the Ancient Egyptians. Using chronology, we will be investigating this period of ancient history and, using a range of sources of evidence, we will discover the significant achievements of this fascinating civilization.
Science	Our topic is materials where we will investigate their properties, how they change and ways in which they can be separated including dissolving, filtering and evaporation.
Computing	We will put into practice skills of vector drawings to create bookmarks. We will then explore Cryptography and code-breaking using simple and complex systems.
DT	Our project will be exploring mechanisms and creating a toy using cams.
PSHE	Our PSHE topics this term are <b>Dreams and Goals</b> and <b>Healthy Me</b> . These themes are explored in the classroom during Jigsaw lessons and through whole school assemblies.
RE	We are finding out what life is like for Muslim families as they follow the beliefs of Islam.
French/Music	French will be taught by Mrs Alcock and music by Mr Parnell on <b>alternating Fridays</b> .