OLD BUCKENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Five NEWSLETTER

News updates from Old Buckenham Primary School

September 2026: Autumn 1

KEY DIARY DATES

9/10: Meet the teacher @ 2.30pm

16/9: Individual photos

18/9 Youth Mental Health Day – non uniform- wear bright colours

October Black History Month, Walk to school month, ADHD awareness month

1/10 National Poetry Day

5/10 You are Invited -parent drop in to class @ 0830-0855 & Harvest Festival

9/10 World Mental Health Day – Non-Uniform Day-wear yellow

16/10 Black History Month sharing @ 2.30pm in hall

19th- 30th October: HALF TERM

Welcome!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children into Beech class and I'm looking forward to a great year.

At Home

Homework: In year 5 we make use of two different homework work books for reading and Maths. For reading comprehension practice the children will be given a CGP reading booklet and for Maths we use Schofield and Sims work books. We will complete some baseline testing at the beginning of the term to ensure each child has the book which is right for them. Further information will be included in the children's homework books.

Spelling Superstar: For spellings we use Emile and your child will have an individual login. Each week there will be spellings based on our current spelling topic and recapping previous spellings.

Reading: In Year 5 we are incredibly passionate about reading. Each child will have a reading book once we have completed our September assessment. We are starting some new initiatives to encourage reading for pleasure in year 5 this year, more information will be shared soon. In response to parent feedback we will be using paper reading records this year.

Year 5 Team

Mr Humphrey, Miss Noyes, Miss Cook, Mrs Cooper

Our Lessons: Curriculum Information

English (Reading): In our whole class reading we will be reading with the modern take on a classic tale, Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo in our fluency lessons. We will be looking at comprehension questions throughout these lessons and use smaller comprehension texts twice a week.

English (Writing): In our writing lessons we are starting with Gorilla by Anthony Browne learning how to write a short narrative, followed by a non-fiction topic on screen use with a focus on writing a balanced argument.

Maths: We will be starting by focusing on place value, looking at roman numerals, numbers to 1'000'000, rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, partitioning and comparing numbers. Then towards the end of the half term we will use this knowledge to work on more complex addition and subtraction questions.

Science: Our first Science topic is materials. We will study the properties of materials, including their state, electrical and thermal conductivity, how some materials dissolve, sieving, filtering, evaporation, and how some changes to materials are reversible whilst others are not.

RE: Our first enquiry topic for RE is 'What is the best way for Jews to show commitment to God?'

PSHCE: Our PSHCE topic this half term is, Being me in my World. As a class we will discuss our hopes and fears, rights and responsibilities and our class learning charter.

Geography: Our first Geography enquiry is 'How do volcanoes affect the lives of people on Hiemay?'

Art: In Art we will be working on self portraits using a variety of mediums and then learning about typography.

Computing: We are learning about information sharing and keeping personal data safe.

PE: We have two PE topics, cricket and dance. Cricket will be taught during Wednesday PE lessons and Dance on Wednesdays.

French: We are consolidating the conjugation of the verbs avoir and etre and recapping learning from year 4.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please can the children arrive in school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please bear in mind that lessons may continue in light rain, so a long-sleeved top/sweatshirt (in line with our uniform policy) would be suitable. Your child can also wear tracksuit bottoms in line with our uniform policy.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Children **must** bring a bottle of **still, plain water** to school so that they may drink whenever they are thirsty (a sip bottle is ideal). They are not allowed to bring fizzy or flavoured water. A snack of fruit or veg is acceptable at breaktime.

Equipment

We provide stationery, therefore, your child does not need to bring in their own pencil case.

Questions, Queries and Concerns

If you have any queries or concerns, please either telephone or email the school office who will forward your message as appropriate and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Humphrey