



11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 5 Class Curriculum Newsletter – Aut 1

What a great start we've had to Year 5 this year! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and are all ready for an exciting year ahead.

An overview of our curriculum this term:

- In Maths we will be exploring place value to 1 million. We will then move onto addition and subtraction strategies, and finally multiplication and division.
- In English, we will be reading "Freedom Bird" by Jerdine Nolan and "The Island" by Armin Geder.
- In Guided Reading, we are reading and evaluating the text "Black and British" by David Olusoga.
- Our History topic this term is The Tudors. We are going to be finding out about Henry VIII and examining the Royal progresses of Elizabeth I.
- In Science we are investigating mixtures and separation.
- In PE we are lucky enough to have a cricket coach coming in this term and our PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursday.
- In French, we're looking at how to write days of the week, numbers to 31 and months.

Homework Expectations:

- **Spellings**
This will be set every Monday and children are expected to learn the spelling rule ready for a test the following Monday. Spellings should be practiced online on EdShed and a paper copy will go home which should be completed and handed in the following week.
- **Reading**
Children are expected to read for 15-20 minutes at least 3 times a week. These reads must be recorded in their reading records, and reading records brought into school daily.
- **Times Tables**
Children should continue to practice their times tables regularly using Times Table Rock Stars. All Year 5 pupils have been given login details for EdShed and TTRS which should be in their reading records.

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Days to remember:

- Library day is Monday.
- PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.
- Spelling homework should be handed in on Monday ready for a test.

Finally, if you have anything you wish to discuss or any questions or messages that cannot be passed on at the classroom door, please email the school office admin@westleaschool.org.uk, who will forward the message to us.

We look forward to working with you over the year.

Many thanks,

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