



**Rundell Class:
Mrs Bowtell**

Year 5 Newsletter - Term 5

**Goodfellow
Class:
Mr Taylor**



We hope the children and their families had a lovely Easter break; we are so excited to begin another exciting term of learning.

Year 5 TA support team: Mrs Mummery and Mrs Bates.

English

In Term 5, we will be turning our focus to biographies – reading a variety of different types and looking at the features of a biography. The children have already been asked to bring in notes of key events in their lives that they will include. Each lesson will comprise of one aspect of their biography and the children will include it.

Maths

This term, the children will be finding factors, common factors, multiples, multiplying a proper fraction by a whole number and mixed numbers. Also, finding unit and non-unit fractions of whole numbers. There is a heavy focus on vocabulary understanding. Please continue to support your child with their times tables knowledge. We will also be looking at using bar models more frequently to answer reasoning questions.

Science

Our next topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We wonder 'Is there a connection between an animal's lifecycle and its habitat?' This unit builds on work from previous years and deepens the children's understanding of life cycles, reproduction and animal characteristics. New concepts such as sexual reproduction and metamorphosis are introduced to help the children to understand how life cycles are constantly progressing, whilst pre-existing concepts are continually referenced and built upon to aid recall and scaffold learning.

Physical Education

On Tuesdays, we will be doing cricket on the playground. On Thursdays, we will be doing floor gymnastics in the hall. Children need to wear their PE kit to school. We also have 'Bikeability' starting 7th May.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything that we do here at Kingsnorth. Research shows that reading for pleasure is the single most important factor in a child's future successes and attainment. We are committed to this and have embedded a range of strategies in school in order to assure this.

Please continue to hear your child read 3 x a week and where possible, read texts to them. Please ensure reading records are signed.

In Shared Reading, we will be reading and working on a new book, 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. This is a Science-Fiction text, and we will be focusing on inferring, the language of humour and summarising.

Once again, there will be lots of opportunities for the children to develop their reading fluency and expression.

In Term 5, the children will be doing their final STAR test of the year, which will determine their reading ranges for the next academic year.

Humanities - History

During this term's History unit, we will be concluding The Ancient Greeks with but there will be a focus on Art and DT and looking at how the Ancient Greeks have impacted our lives today.

Religious Education

In R.E, we will explore the over-arching question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' This unit enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about being a follower of the Muslim religion. Pupils explore the five pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslim believers. Pupils will gain a greater understanding of Islam and what we can learn from its beliefs, values and ideas. This investigation provides an opportunity to learn about the Qur'an and other forms of guidance.

PSHE

Children learn about the importance of self-esteem and ways this can be boosted. They will learn about age-limits and also age-appropriateness. Within these lessons, children are taught the SMARRT internet safety rules and they apply these in different situations. Risk, pressure and influences are revisited with a focus on the physical and emotional aspects of identifying when something online or in social media feels uncomfortable or unsafe. Children are taught about grooming and how people online can pretend to be whoever they want. Rights, responsibilities and respect are revisited with an angle on technology use. Screen time is also discussed and children find ways to reduce their own screen time. This Puzzle piece aims to help children to be more discerning when viewing anything online or on social media.

Dates for your diary

Ancient Greek Workshop: 24th April

Bank Holiday: 4th May

Bikeability starts: 7th May

Bake Sale: 15th May

160th Anniversary school photo: 15th May

Sports Day: 19th May

Last day of term : 22nd May 2026

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 5 staff team and we will be very pleased to help you. Our email address is:

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