Year 5
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2026

A warm welcome to Wheat Class. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. The year 5 teacher this year is Miss Casey leading Wheat class with the support of Mr Froud, who you may be familiar with.

This first half term is geography based, learning all about Oceans. Our text leading the learning is Who let the Gods Out and we will be using this in order to publish our own narrative at the end of the term.
After half term, we will be looking at the history of The Windrush and we will enjoy learning more about the Caribbean. Our linked text for English lessons will be The Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. Throughout the term, we will also be learning about forces, lifestyle and our bodies in Science.

Wheat

English
In Autumn 1 the children will be looking at the book **Who let the Gods Out** and writing a narrative.

In Autumn 2 children will be writing a newspaper article based on **The Windrush Child.**

Art/Design and Technology
The Autumn term will start with us completing Art and in this unit we will be looking at Typography and how it can be used to complete pieces of artwork that convey emotions. We will finish the Autumn by making our own cushions, focusing on our sewing skills and techniques.

PE Day is a Tuesday —
Please make sure all children come to school in their PE kit, black/grey bottoms, white top and black sweat shirt.

Home Learning
This term we would like the children to complete the following tasks each week as home learning:

Times table fluency - Children should complete their 5 weekly garage games on Times Table Rockstars, as well as the weekly fluency worksheets. This will be sent home weekly with the children.

Home Learning Folder - Children have a home learning folder which will contain a maths and reading activity. This folder will come home on a Friday and will be due back in on the following Thursday.

Spellings - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.

Reading - Children should aim to read for ten minutes every day and log this in their reading diaries. Twice a week, children should complete a longer response to their reading.

Music/Computing
In Autumn 1 we will be focusing on computing and this unit of work will be looking at computer systems and networks.
In Autumn 2 we will be looking at classroom jazz in music, building on our prior knowledge of glockenspiels.

Mathematics
Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division
Fractions

Science
In science this term we will start the term by looking at different forces and how they act. We will then move on to look at the human life-cycle and our bodies, along with how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development
In PSHE this half term we will be looking at being me in this world and celebrating difference.
Please see the separate letter that has ben sent out by Miss Nugent regarding curriculum coverage for PSHE.

Religious Education
The overarching key question for the first half term is: What do Christians believe about the death of Jesus?

In Autumn 2, our overarching question is: How do rites of passage shape the lives of different Christians?