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Year 5 - Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in brilliantly! We wanted to write to you to fill you in on all the wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum so far and still to come in the Autumn term.

Autumn 1

Multiplication and division facts for **4s** and **8s** (up to 12th multiple)

In maths, we will be recapping our knowledge of place value as well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. We will also be revisiting the column method for addition and subtraction to ensure the children have a secure understanding so they can then apply this to

reasoning and multi-step, problem-solving tasks.

We will be following the White Rose

[\(https://whiterosemaths.com/\)](https://whiterosemaths.com/) sequence of learning in maths. Please note that this overview is only an outline of what will be covered. Lesson content will be closely tailored to the children's needs.

Please continue to use Times Table Rockstars to practise speed and fluent recall of multiplication times tables. If

you have any problems logging on, please feel free to contact the school.

Free parent workbooks that will assist you with following our White Rose Maths scheme of learning are available here <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

In literacy, we are starting our term by deepening our science learning about space by writing a Virtual Reality Space Walk commentary! We have looked at using the second person and using imperative verbs to give instructions. In our reading sessions, the children will study a different type of text every week. Each day is dedicated to a different skill or activity based on said text.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number Place value VIEW	Number Addition and subtraction VIEW	Number Multiplication and division A VIEW	Number Fractions A VIEW								
Spring term	Number Multiplication and division B VIEW	Number Fractions B VIEW	Number Decimals and percentages VIEW	Measurement Perimeter and area VIEW	Statistics VIEW							
Summer term	Geometry Shape VIEW	Geometry Position and direction VIEW	Number Decimals VIEW	Number Negative numbers VIEW	Measurement Converting units VIEW	Measurement Volume VIEW						

Science this term is all about Earth and Space. The children will be learning about the relative sizes of planets and how they orbit the sun. Following this, we will look at how day and night occur and the phases of the moon.

Wider Curriculum

The wider curriculum will also provide us with some great learning experiences this term. We have been learning about Christian life in RE, building the children's understanding of the importance of the Trinity for Christians. E-safety will be our main focus in computing, where we will be thinking about the importance of online safety and understanding how the internet works, looking at the bias and validity of information. In History, we are studying 'The Golden Age of Islam' and, in particular, the ancient city of Baghdad and its involvement in trade on the Silk Road. In the coming weeks, we will be learning how the Arabs were able to spread so far and so quickly. We will also explore the greatest achievements and downfalls of the Golden Age of Islam. Art lessons will take inspiration from our history curriculum. The children will be designing their own Islamic tiles. They will study the varying types of Islamic patterns and incorporate the well-known Islamic geometric style within their designs. In Geography, we will be studying South America and looking at the human and physical features of the continent. Our Spanish lessons will focus on the children consolidating their knowledge of the days of the week, months of the year and numbers to 31 so that they can answer the question 'What is the date today?'.

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website: <https://www.halstow.greenwich.sch.uk/node/3>

Upcoming Trips:

Autumn 1 – Science Museum visit:
Monday 22nd September 2025

Please do get in touch if you can come with us! We are in need of volunteers.

PE Days:

Ms Franklin and Ms Thorn's Class:
Tuesdays and **Thursdays**

Mrs Dearness' Class: **Mondays** and **Thursdays**

We look forward to sharing some of the children's wonderful learning with you at parents' evening later this term!

All the best to you and your families,

Year 5 Team