



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026



Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to you; we hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that the children are excited to be back at school!

First of all, let us introduce the Year 5 team: Miss Jones will be teaching the class with TA support from Miss Barling, Mrs Marshall, Miss Teela and Mrs Bingham. We are all very much looking forward to working with the children this year – they have already had a great start.

We are the 'Marie Curie' class and have spent some time today carrying out research to find out about this amazing scientist.

Just a couple of 'housekeeping' items:

- Please be aware that earrings must be removed for school. If your child has recent piercings, the earrings must be covered with a plaster or tape. Thanks.
- Pencil cases are not needed: all stationery items will be provided by school. If your child brings a pencil case to school we ask that they keep it in their tray.

Regarding the curriculum, this is what we have planned for the first half term:

Maths

We will start by consolidating and extending the children's understanding of place value and then move on to addition and subtraction within 1,000,000. Towards the end of the half term we will start work on multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to continue to practise the multiplication tables (to x12); a good knowledge of these will help your child immensely in all of their mathematical work.

English

In English we will be exploring a range of non-fiction and fiction texts and writing. We are starting off with the book 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterley, which will link to a later space topic in Science. We will also be reading 'Firebird', an adaptation of Stravinsky's ballet.

Reading is of great importance: we will engage in whole-class guided reading sessions to help children to improve their key reading skills (use of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary). Please encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help to expose them to a greater range of writing and improve their vocabulary, which in turn will help to improve their writing.

Other subject themes are as follows:

Science: Properties of materials. This will be our learning across the whole autumn term. In autumn 1, we will be specifically learning about solutions and mixtures, and also comparing materials based on their properties.

RE: 'What's Important/Exploring Values': behaviours, values and making a difference in the world.

Geography: 'What makes Japan so unique? We will investigate the human and physical features of Japan + latitude and longitude.

PE: Netball. Year 5 PE days are Mondays and Thursdays but please ensure that your child always has their full PE kit at school.

Computing: A focus on creating images. Online safety will be the focus of the first lesson each half term

Music: 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor?' Children will find out about the context, history, and purpose of sea shanties as work songs; they will create rhythm games and a class arrangement using their voices and instruments.

Art: Designing Patterns: we will be learning how to design and create a repeating pattern to produce a wallpaper design. Artists studied will be William Morris and Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

PSHE: Being Me in My World

Homework

The homework grid and resources for the homework will be posted onto Teams. I have advised the children to aim to complete activities throughout the half term. Doing something each week will help to avoid any last-minute stress.

As a school, we will be having informal 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday 9th September (you can attend either the 3:45 pm or 4:30 pm slot). This will give you a chance to ask any questions about Year 5. I look forward to meeting many of you on this date.

If you require any further information or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us by telephoning school or through email, using either the Class 5 email (class5info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk) or our school office email (office@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk). You can also write a message in your child's reading record and ask them to pass it to me. We will respond to any contact as quickly as we can.

With kindest regards,

Miss Jones.