



The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.  
JOHN 4:14



Summer 1 2026

Dear parents and carers,

**Welcome to our half termly newsletter which will give you a flavour of what your child will be learning and experiencing in year 5 during the upcoming half term. We hope you find it useful.**

A warm welcome back to the start of the Summer term. We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and that your child is returning to school feeling refreshed and ready to learn. We are looking forward to getting straight into some exciting new topics and cannot wait to see what wonderful work the children can produce!

In **writing** this half term, we begin with our suspense narrative unit: how to create pace and build tension within a fiction story by using a variety of sentence types. Following this, we will produce non-fiction explanation texts inspired by the “mockumentary” style video *The Majestic Plastic Bag*. The children will select a process of their choice to explain from their recent science or geography learning, employing a range of cohesive devices to guide their reader.

In **maths**, our money topic will focus on understanding and using money, including recognising pounds and pence, comparing and ordering amounts, estimating values and converting between pounds and pence. It also covers adding and subtracting money, finding change, and solving real-life money problems. In addition, through our perimeter unit students learn, we will learn about measuring length, calculating perimeter, working with shapes on a grid and finding the perimeter of rectangles and squares.

We begin Summer 1 with some hands-on **science**; as we continue our Forces unit with more experiments that explore friction, water resistance and how we can increase the effect of a force. Following on from this, we will begin a Properties of Materials unit which explores conductors and insulators, separating mixtures as well as irreversible changes.

This half term, your child will take part in a trip to map the Beaulieu River. Further information will be sent nearer to the time – we are all very excited to bring our **geography** learning to life!

We will begin our **RE** with our Easter unit, through which we will make connections between the events of Holy Week, Easter and the liturgical life of the Church. Through learning about the Easter Vigil, pupils will gain understanding of the symbolism of Easter, as well as the beliefs behind it. The account of Lazarus as well as the symbolism of the Resurrection is explored.

In our **French** unit, ‘La date’, we will learn the days of the week as well as months of the year and numbers. By the end of this unit, pupils will be able to say when their birthday is!

In **history**, we will journey back to the world of the Ancient Greeks, where big ideas and powerful city-states shaped the future! We’ll discover where and when the Greeks lived and compare the very different lifestyles of Athens and Sparta. From the birth of democracy to how their governments worked, we’ll explore how their ideas still influence modern Britain today. We’ll also step into the sandals of Greek children to see how their upbringing prepared them for adult life. It’s a topic full of myths, mind-blowing ideas and lasting legacies that still shape our world!

Summer 1’s **art** begins a comparison of the print designs of William Morris and Cath Kidston before starting a new topic all about Expressionism, in which we will learn how artists expressed emotions through their work.

**PE** continues on a **Friday** this half term with specialist coaching in Basketball being delivered by coaches from Solent Kestrels. Following on from this, the children will have the opportunity to hone their (athletics) skills ahead of our annual school Sports Day where they compete for their school house.

**Remember, we are here to help— if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!**

**From Mrs Pollard and the year 5 team.**

**Dates for the diary**

- 27<sup>th</sup> April / 30<sup>th</sup> April Beaulieu River trip(s)
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – Ancient Greek Day