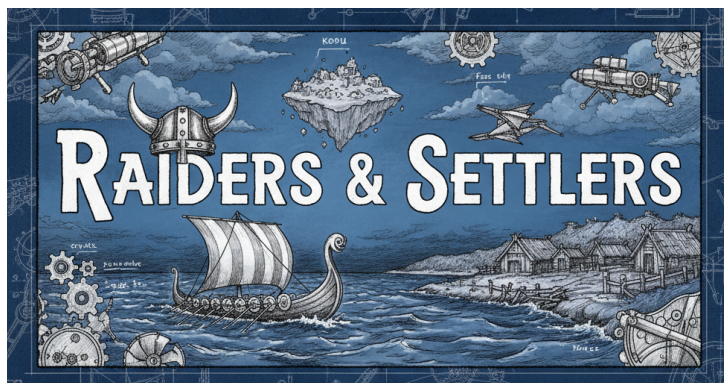




Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026

INSET Days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

Year 5 Teaching Staff: Mr Potter (5HP and Year Leader), Ms Found (5CF), Mrs Micaiah (5RM), Miss Terelinck (5CT) Mr Watson (5RW), Miss Langford and Miss Haines (5LH).

Y5 Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Stainthorpe, Mrs Hosier, Mrs Convery, Mrs Robbins, Miss Watts, Mrs Sargent, Miss London, Mrs Agius.

Other Y5 Staff: Miss Pearcy (PE) and Mrs Dodd (music).



We are looking forward to beginning our autumn term with the **TAB Way Week**, in which we will be focusing on understanding and applying the TAB values while getting settled into a new year. On the first day of term, pupils will be met on the playground and shown the way to their new classrooms. After this, they will walk around to their classrooms independently. We will be enjoying **Jedi Day** during this week. Please see the termly enrichment letter for further details.

This term, we will be studying the **‘Raiders and Settlers’** topic and have planned a number of enrichment opportunities throughout the term to immerse the children into their learning. We enclose a **topic map**, which outlines all the curriculum topics children will be studying this term. We are excited to present a full, broad and balanced curriculum, with many opportunities to develop cross-curricular links. Pupils will be working with different teachers for their maths lessons and will be informed who is teaching them in the first week of term.

We would like to invite all parents/carers (adults only, please) to attend a **'Welcome to Year 5' evening on Monday 7th September from 6-7pm in the main hall**, during which we will outline further information about curriculum, homework, organisation and expectations in year 5. You will also have the opportunity to see your child's learning environment and meet their new teacher.

There will be a further opportunity to come into school to see your child's learning towards the end of the autumn term. On **Monday 7th December**, an open afternoon will take place. Please wait outside the main reception, where teachers will come to collect parents to visit their children's classrooms. Timings are as follows:

13:45 - 14:15 for 5LH, 5CT and 5RW

14:15 - 14:45 for 5HP, 5RM and 5CF

Communication and home learning

This year, all homework will be outlined via Google Classroom. It is essential that you familiarise yourself and feel confident logging on to your child's Google Classroom (GC) page. All pupils will be shown how to use the page during school time, with login information to be sent home in the first week of term. GC streams will contain all important information and communication: upcoming events and reminders, homework tasks, expectations, learning links and photos celebrating progress. *Please note: parents and pupils will not be able to post comments on GC directly, but will need to email their teachers separately with correspondence.*

Children will receive one piece of maths homework each week - this may be online via MyMaths or a worksheet in their maths homework book. Please see your child's **maths group Google Classroom** page to find copies of the homework and the weekly deadline. Times Table Rockstars will be monitored by maths teachers for each group.

This year, year 5 will be using a **reading journal** to record their reading and reading homework. The reading journals will be used in a variety of ways, including as a creative way for the children to reflect on their thoughts and feelings towards what they have read. **We will be setting fortnightly homework activities on Google Classroom pages.** We would like to give the children the choice of what their reading journal looks like to build their ownership over these journals. As such, we would prefer children to provide their own, but we can provide them with a notebook to use as a journal, if needed. They must be at least A5 sized and durable (please note, we have found that wire-bound books are not durable enough and the pages tend to fall apart).

Spellings and times tables (up to 12 x 12) are to be practised daily, and spellings will be tested fortnightly by your child's class teacher.

Our weekly homework club will continue to run for pupils who require extra support. If you would like any more information on this, please contact your child's class teacher.

Indoor and Outdoor PE

This term, weekly outdoor PE sessions will run on the following days:

	<u>Indoor PE</u>	<u>Outdoor PE</u>
5HP	Monday	Wednesday
5CF	Wednesday	Tuesday
5RM	Friday	Wednesday
5LH	Monday	Tuesday
5CT	Wednesday	Tuesday
5RW	Tuesday	Wednesday

Please note that West Sussex County Council regulations do not allow the wearing of any kind of jewellery (earrings, studs, watches, neck chains, bangles etc.) during any PE lesson or other organised physical activities. Jewellery may only be worn for these activities on medical grounds, so if this is the case, please inform us in writing. Plaster tape may then be used to cover the ear, although we would ask that ear piercing take place at the beginning of the summer holiday.

The children will also attend a block of swimming lessons for a period of 8 weeks. Please see the enrichment letter for essential information and the dates that your child's class will be taking part.

Forest School dates

Children will be taking part in forest school activities on the dates below. On these days, they should come to school wearing sensible clothing that prepares them for all kinds of weather (both rain and cold) and in which they can get muddy, such as warm, waterproof clothes and trousers, wellington boots, gloves and hat.

	<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>
5HP	Friday 9th October	Thursday 22nd October
5CF	Friday 25th September	Friday 16th October
5RM	Thursday 24th September	Friday 23rd October
5LH	Thursday 1st October	Wednesday 7th October
5CT	Wednesday 23rd September	Wednesday 21st October
5RW	Thursday 8th October	Thursday 15th October

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will take place on Thursdays from 12:50-13:20 on the following dates. There is space for 2 members of each family to attend to watch their child perform.

5HP - Thursday 18th March

5CF - Thursday 6th May

5RM - Thursday 28th January

5LH - Thursday 15th October

5CT - Thursday 3rd December

5RW - Thursday 19th November

Equipment

Please regularly update the equipment your child has in their pencil case. They all need the following: a blue handwriting pen, pencil, 30cm clear ruler, rubber, sharpener, green biro, whiteboard pen and glue stick. These can be purchased from the school stationery shop at a reasonable price. Please also ensure that children are provided with a healthy snack for break times and water (only) in bottles. As the weather improves, please be aware that children may require a sun hat and sunscreen (to be applied by themselves) in school at all times. Attached is a link to our school [stationery shop](#) for your convenience.

Please can we politely remind all parents that, at break times, children should have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables, with water only in their bottles. We are a nut-free school, so please make sure that packed lunches do not contain any nut-based products.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and cooperation. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr. H Potter

Year 5 Year Leader

Writing

Key Texts: Arthur and the Golden Rope & The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Across the term, the children will focus on the key texts above. They will write a variety of genres and from different perspectives. The children will be inspired by the texts to create their own narratives, newspapers, descriptions and informative texts before publishing these in our celebrate books.

Science

Linked to the start of our topic with 'Jedi Day', the children will complete a series of 'Jedi training' lessons where they will learn about air resistance, friction, water resistance and gravity, with many practical investigations.

RE

During R.E. lessons, we will develop the children's understanding of religious beliefs and explore how religions and worldviews navigate some of life's 'big questions'.

Reading

The children will have two 45 minute reading workshops each week to help them develop the skills of reading fluently and comprehending what they are reading.

PE

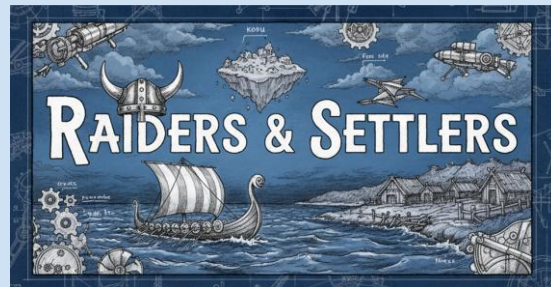
We begin our rotation of winter sports. They will develop their skills across a multitude of disciplines including football, TAG rugby, handball and netball. Children will develop their knowledge and skills applicable to each sport and discuss rules and tactics specific to each.

D&T

Children will learn how to explore and use mechanical systems including cams and develop their own design to then make their own moving model.

Art

Children will study life drawing and different illustration techniques, including by Brian Selznick. They will progress towards creating their own pencil sketch based on a scene from Hugo Cabret.



History

Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of Roman Britain to understand how Britain changed and adapted with the arrival of the Saxons and Vikings. They will look at genuine artefacts from local museums and will study where, when and why these groups invaded and settled in Britain.



Music

In music this term, all classes will give children the opportunity to learn about stave notation, scales and performance across a variety of different genres.

French

In French, children will begin by developing their knowledge of dates, months and days of the week, before beginning to learn vocabulary to describe school equipment.

PSHE and RSHE

Children will begin with TAB Way Week before learning about physical, mental and emotional health / wellbeing; sleep hygiene; managing risk; secrets and consent; rights & responsibilities; and peer pressure.



Maths

Building on their Year 4 learning, we will revisit and deepen key areas of the mathematics curriculum this year to develop greater fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving skills. Pupils will extend their understanding of place value up to 1,000,000 and secure formal written methods for all four number operations. We will also focus on calculating area and perimeter in measurement, drawing and measuring angles in geometry, and interpreting complex data like timetables in statistics.

Computing

The children will develop their understanding of systems and searching before learning how to design, write and debug computer programming using Minecraft education.

