

What's happening in Year Five

Our fabulous theme this half-term is
'Oceans & Islands'.

This half term, we will be reading *Lost on Gibbon Island*, an enthralling story about our protagonist, Lark, who finds herself on a deserted island with only a baby gibbon for company. As she navigates her new and frightening surroundings, she faces many dangers that she must overcome in order to be rescued in time!



In our Maths learning, we will concentrate on factors, multiples, cubing and angles. Throughout this learning we will employ skills such as critical thinking, problem -solving and analytical reasoning.

As part of our homework in Year 5, every child is expected to read for 30 minutes, each and every day (This can be spread throughout the day to take advantage of moments of free time). Everyone, should be bringing a reading book home with them each day, from either the school library or the class book corner.

We will be visiting Cosham library again this term, and this will increase the access the children have to great literature. We have also improved our school library and have lots of new exciting books that the children can borrow. In addition to this, all children have access to the E-library, so that they can explore even more texts.

Children can evidence this reading by completing AR quizzes, or for texts that are not on AR, by completing a good quality book review, alternative book cover & blurb, a fabulous character description or completing a bespoke quiz set by their teacher. Please encourage your child to speak to Mrs Felstead or Mr Magnus if they read anything at home or school that isn't quizzable.



At the end of the Winter, Spring and Summer term, it would be amazing to see Year 5 widely represented at the special 'Reading Award' assemblies and to see them achieve their bronze, silver and gold reading awards.

The link to AR is below; you may be asked to put in an ID code - this is RP-17187959.

Link - [Accelerated Reader Quizzes](#)

As part of our Art this half-term, we will be using the famous print of 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa' by Japanese artist Hokusai.

Through careful practise of our sketching skills and the exploration of other famous pictures of waves, we are going to create our very own sketch of the 'Great Wave of Kanagawa'.



Our final English journey of Year 5 will involve creating detailed biographies about a relative or a friend. Utilising our research and interviewing skills, including effective questioning, active listening and critical thinking, we will gather our data and compose a succinct, engaging and descriptive biography that brings our subjects to life. For our second piece of independent writing, we will select our favourite genre from Year 5 and produce a masterpiece to celebrate our English adventure and to showcase to our peers!

In Science, we will be exploring and comparing the life cycles of animals and plants.

In Geography, we will be practising our map reading skills and learning about how the Earth's precious eco-system is affected by changes in our oceans - we will be paying particular attention to the human impact of these changes.

Children need to bring their PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather) to school each Monday. Please ensure it is **ALL NAMED** clearly. They will leave this at school over the week, and will bring it home for washing on Fridays. They also need a pair of labelled wellington boots, in a carrier bag, to leave in school for Forest school sessions.