



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2024



Swift Class	Skylark Class	Swallow Class
Mrs Mason	Mrs Smith	Mrs Kemish
Year 5 LSAs: Mrs Swinburn, Mrs Boast, Mrs Loveridge, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Miller & Mrs Cook		

Welcome back to Year 5! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are back ready to learn!

Year 5 is the beginning of Upper Key Stage 2 and therefore, the expectations of behaviour and learning are high. We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access the more challenging curriculum.

Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks sets and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 5 curriculum, please refer to the Long Term Curriculum Overview for Year 5.
- Information on home learning projects will be sent out shortly with an expected due date and available on the school website.



- Mathematics
 - Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
 - On a daily basis for at least 10 minutes, your child should practice their times tables using the Times Table Rock Stars site.



- English
 - Reading - Please ensure that your child reads daily at home and please sign their homework diaries each week.
 - Spelling – A Spelling Shed activity will be set each Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.
- **Username and passwords for online home learning are in homework diaries.**

PE Days & PE Kits

Our PE days are:

Tuesday and Wednesday

Skylark Class will be swimming this term on Thursdays.

The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on PE days. Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is labelled clearly with their name and no jewellery is worn.

Pencil Cases

Please ensure that your child brings their pencil case into school at all times. If you require additional supplies, please order these via Scopay.



Marvellous Me



Marvellous Me will be used to send out key information as well as to celebrate your child's successes. It is essential that you are signed up to the app and that you check it regularly.



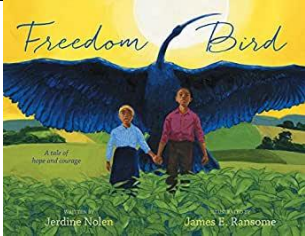
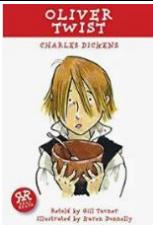
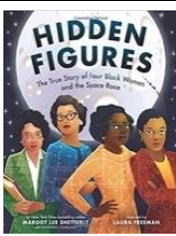
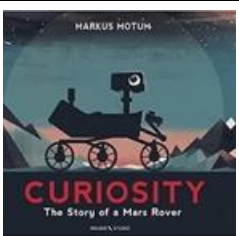
Remember to check if your child is a published author on Pobble!

Important Dates

2 nd January	Inset Day
3 rd January	Start of the Spring Term
9 th January	Milestones Museum Trip
6 th & 7 th February	Parent Consultations
12 th -16 th February	Half Term

More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.

At APPS, we follow The Literary Curriculum with Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 5 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Spring 1		Spring 2	
			
Freedom Bird Jerdine Nolan	Oliver Twist Charles Dickens	Hidden Figures Margot Lee Shetterly	Curiosity Markus Motem

Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

				
In our English lessons, we have been reading the epic poem 'Beowulf' that is set in the fifth century. The children have completed some fantastic writing!	In History, the children worked as part of a team to research and present information about the changes in power during the Tudor period and went to visit Hampton Court Palace in October.	In Geography, we learnt about Ordnance Survey maps and used a website called Digi-maps to measure the distance between two locations.	In science, we have been learning about the properties of materials. The children have been filtering, sieving, using magnets, evaporating, baking and much more! We also enjoyed using the microscopes to observe the changes that occurred to various materials such as: tea, sugar and biscuits once water was added to them.	
In art, we have been learning about Hans Holbein and we created our own portraits of Henry VIII using oil pastels, pencil, water colours and collage techniques.		Thank you to Ashford Rotary Club, who presented each child in Year 5 with a dictionary in a special assembly.		
				

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or Twitter accounts.

Website: www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk Twitter: @Ashford_Park

Should you have any queries, please contact the office on info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the best possible learning experience at APPS.

Year 5 Team

Mrs Kemish, Mrs Mason & Mrs Smith

Mrs Boast, Mrs Cook, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Loveridge, Mrs Miller & Mrs Swinburn