

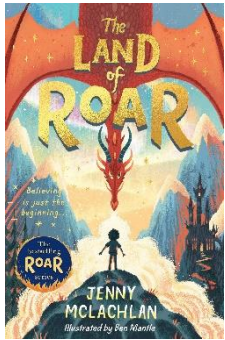
# Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2024

Happy New Year! We have some exciting things coming up in Spring Term – there's a lot to look forward to!

In Spring 2 (after half term), we will be going on a trip to the River Trent. More information about this trip will come out closer to the time.

## What are we learning?



This term, we will be reading the first book in the Roar series by Jenny McLachlan, The Land of Roar. It is about two twins and the magical world they discovered when they were younger. We will be writing our own short stories inspired by the book!

In maths, the children will continue with their learning on multiplication and division and move on to fractions towards the end of the spring term.

| Subject   | Spring 1                                       | Spring 2              |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| Science   | Properties of materials                        | Changes of materials  |
| History   | How has the rule of England changed over time? |                       |
| Geography | A study of the River Trent                     |                       |
| Art       | Food sculptures                                |                       |
| Music     | Ukuleles                                       |                       |
| DT        |  | Structures            |
| Computing | Vector Drawings                                | Databases             |
| RE        | What matters to Christians?                    | Beliefs and Questions |

For information about the people we will be studying within each unit, please refer to our Class Dojo post.

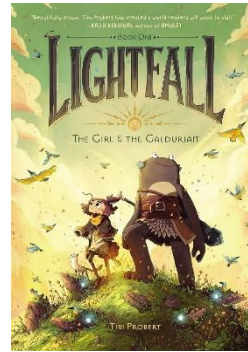
## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Evans to the Year Five team.

Mrs Evans will be replacing Miss Swift, who has moved to the Year Three team, and will be supporting the children in English lessons, as well as supporting us to help the children fill any gaps in their understanding as we move through the Year 5 curriculum.

We are also welcoming Mrs Holdridge from Year 6 who will be working with us on Thursdays across all subjects.

## Reading Recommendations

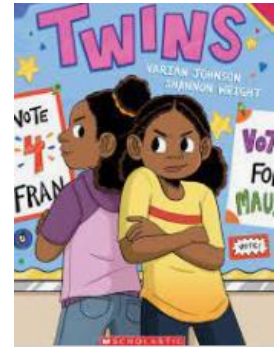


### **Lightfall**

Tim Probert

Rated ★★★★★

by Miss Coutts



### **Twins**

Varian Johnson

Rated ★★★★★

by Mr Payne

## Times Tables

As the children are now working on a multiplication and division unit, it is exceptionally important that they can recall their multiplication and division facts quickly and accurately.

You can help your child make progress in maths by ensuring they know their times tables. Practising on Times Tables Rockstars for 5 minutes every day should help them do this!

## Other information

- Year 5 PE is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing for PE that day. It is particularly important that they come well dressed for what could be cold weather.
- Please make sure your child brings a reusable water bottle into school with their name on if possible.
- Children should be reading daily at home (approximately 15 minutes). Children can record reads for no more than twice in one day but can write these into their diaries themselves.
- Homework and spellings are sent home on Fridays.
- Home reads are counted at the end of every half term. If you would like to count the children's reads throughout the half term, that's fine!