

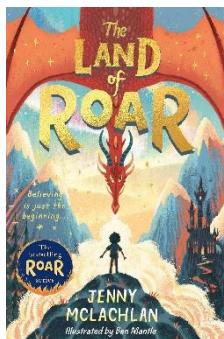
# Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2026

## General Information

We had a lovely Autumn term and we're really excited to get started after a lovely break. This term is particularly exciting because it's filled with Mr Payne and Miss Coutts' favourite books to teach! We hope one of the books we look at will end up being your favourite too!

## 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!

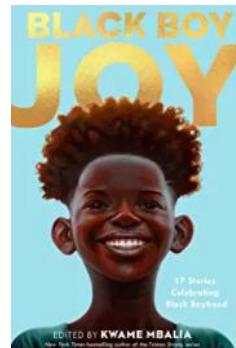
In maths, the children will be working on multiplication and division, and fractions, decimals and percentages.

Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
Science	Properties of materials	Changes of materials
History	How did the monarchy change the UK from 1066 – 1601?	
Geography	Rivers	
Art	Cubism	
D&T	Frame structures	Cam mechanisms
Computing	Web pages	
RE	Muslim families and celebrations	Pilgrimages
PE	Gymnastics	Games
French	En Classe - In the classroom	

## Internet safety at home

We know that in Year 5, children often start to have their own electronic devices (such as tablets and phones). Please ensure that your children are practising internet safety and remind them of what to do if they find something that worries or upsets them, and being kind to others online, when they are at home. We want everyone to be safe wherever they are!

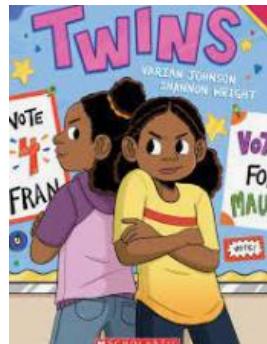
## Reading Recommendations



**Black Boy Joy**

*Kwame Mbalia*

Rated ★★★★★  
by Miss Coutts



**Twins**

*Varian Johnson*

Rated ★★★★★  
by Mr Payne

## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – School Disco  
9 – 13<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake sale  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Poet visits school  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers' Day Sale  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Individual School Photo Day  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Geography Trip  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

## Other information

- Year 5 PE is on a Tuesday afternoon. If children wear earrings, please ensure these are removed before coming to school. If they are unable to be removed, please send your child with plasters to cover them until they are able to be removed.
- If possible, please can water bottles be named – some children have the same bottles and it can get confusing!
- Children should be reading daily at home (approximately 15 minutes). Children can record reads for no more than twice in one day.
- Homework and spellings are sent home on Fridays.
- Home reads are counted a couple of days before the end of the half term, considering any potential reads the children could complete.