

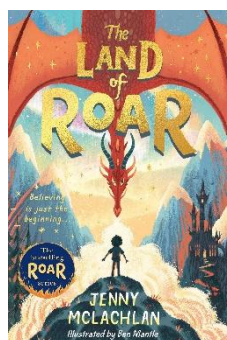
Year 5 Newsletter

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!

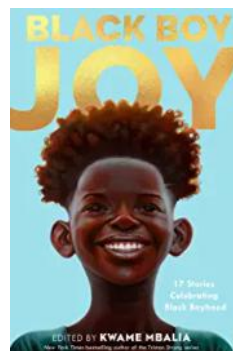
In maths, the children will be working on multiplication and division, and fractions, decimals and percentages.

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