

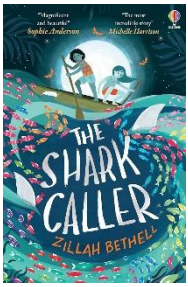
Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2026

As the sun starts to re-emerge and the weather warms up, we start some of our favourite units of learning in Year 5 – it's a fun-filled term!

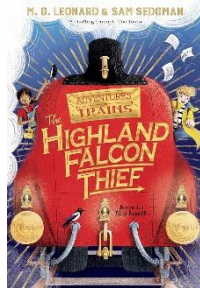
In Summer 2 (after half term), we will be going on a trip to Nottingham Castle. More information about this trip will come out closer to the time.

What are we learning?



This term, we will be reading *The Shark Caller* by Zillah Bethell. It is a wonderful story set on the island of Papua New Guinea and one of mine and Miss Coutt's favourite books to read the children. We will then move on to read *The Highland Falcon Thief*, a mystery novel set on a royal train. We will be

using this book to inspire our own mystery stories that happen in school!

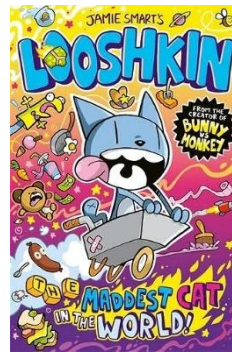


In maths, the children will be looking at graphs and interpreting data in statistics, learning about angles in shape as well as position and direction. They will also be continuing to learn about decimals – a lot of things to learn about before the end of the year!

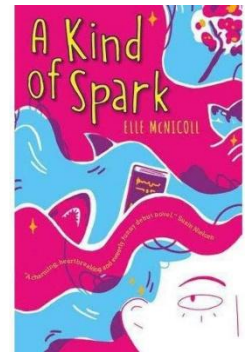
	Summer 1	Summer 2
Science	Life cycles of living things	Changes of materials
History	The burning of Nottingham Castle	
Geography	Weather and climate	
Art	Sculpture	Architecture
Music	Kisne banaaya	
DT		Moving cam toys
Computing	Databases	Vector drawings
RE	Exploring the Old Testament	Investigating Religion and Respect

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

Reading Recommendations



Looshkin
Jamie Smart
 Rated ★★★★★
 by Miss Coutts



A Kind of Spark
Elle McNicoll
 Rated ★★★★★
 by Mr Payne

Homework

Every Friday, we set the children their homework. This includes:

- Maths homework (a sheet)
- Writing homework (a sheet)
- Spellings (in their yellow spelling books)
- Practising their times tables
- Daily independent reading

Occasionally, children will have the opportunity to earn additional points by completing tests on maths.co.uk and spag.com

Other information

- On PE days, it is important that your child comes to school dressed appropriately. This includes wearing sunscreen and wearing a sun hat.
- Please make sure your child brings a reusable water bottle into school with their name on if possible.
- 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 would help us!
- We will be going on a school trip to Nottingham Castle on Friday 26th June – keep the date in your calendar!