



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2025/2026



Notices and Reminders

PE day: Thursday

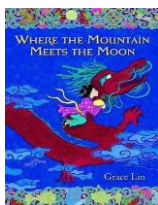
Homework : Sent out Friday, collected in Thursday.

Equipment:

Their bag should include a water bottle, a reading book, and a **pencil case** containing: HB pencils, Handwriting pen, green pen, whiteboard pen, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, glue stick, 12 colouring pencils.

Reading

This term the children are reading 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon' by Grace Lin. This is a fantasy adventure inspired by Chinese folklore, which tells of the quest of the protagonist (Minli) to change her family's fortune. During the lessons, the children will discuss key vocabulary and questions that improve their understanding of the text.



Writing

In writing this half term, the children will be learning about different aspects of grammar. The children will be learning to write a defeating the monster tale using the model text of *The Lost Happy Endings*. They will learn the structure and techniques to support them in building tension throughout their writing.



Key dates

Meet the Teacher – Monday 15th September

Last day of term – Friday 24th October

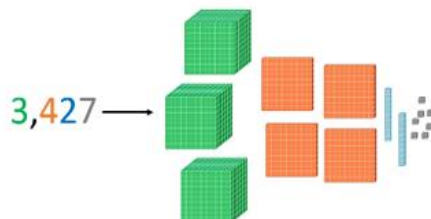
Half term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

INSET day – Monday 3rd November

Term begins – Tuesday 4th November

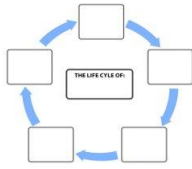
Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be learning about place value, exploring the composition of numbers in a variety of representations. The children will also be learning both mental and formal written methods of addition and subtraction.



Science

This half term, the children will be learning how to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. They will also describe the life process of reproduction in plants and learn about famous naturalists.



History

In history this half term, the children will be learning about how Britain was conquered by the Roman Empire and what life was like as a result. They will then explore how the withdrawal of the Roman Empire and the subsequent settlement by the Anglo-Saxons impacted Britain.



Art

This half term, the children will be looking at landscapes and how they can draw them using tone, shape and texture. They will also look at Frida Kahlo and her contributions to surrealism before creating their very own surrealist landscapes.



PE

This half term, the children will be focusing on invasion games, specifically netball. They will practise the skills of throwing, catching, pivoting, defending and attacking.



RE

This half term in RE, the children will be learning about Hinduism and their different beliefs. This will include learning about their God and His deities, reincarnation and how they believe they should live their lives.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children will be focusing on their identities. They will look at what makes up their own identities and then speak about possible stereotypes and the impact these can have.



French

In French this half term, the children will learn how to describe the members of a family, including the words for parents and siblings. They will also build on previous years' knowledge and learn the numbers from 10 to 70.



Suggested books for reading

