



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Summer 1—2025/2026

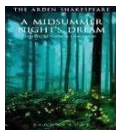
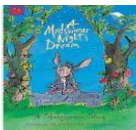


### Key dates

- 13<sup>th</sup> April - Start of the summer term.
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday.
- 11 - 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of term – normal time.
- 25<sup>th</sup> May - Spring term holiday.
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of summer term 2.

### Reading

This half term, the children will continue to explore the writing of William Shakespeare with 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children will then move onto 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson. This is the story of Nat, a young boy, enslaved on a Jamaican plantation, who travels to Britain hoping to gain his freedom.



### Notices and Reminders

- Please ensure your child is fully prepared for learning each day. Children need a handwriting pen (not a biro), pencils, a ruler and whiteboard pens, along with spare items where possible.
- Library day takes place on Wednesdays for DA and Mondays for BG.
- PE sessions continue on Thursdays.
- Children should come dressed appropriately for all weathers.
- We also encourage children to bring a fruit or vegetable snack and a labelled water bottle each day to support their wellbeing and concentration.

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### Writing

In language lessons, the children will be learning how to develop their sentences by including accurately punctuated relative clauses and parenthesis. Composition lessons will initially focus on using cohesive devices in their narrative writing before moving onto a more formal piece of writing – a discussion text. Throughout, there will be a focus on legible handwriting and neat presentation.



### Maths

In maths, the children will be looking at area and perimeter. They will also be looking at statistics and learning how to read and interpret line graphs, tables and timetables. Their learning will progress onto the topic of angles, where they will have the opportunity to estimate, draw and calculate angles. Towards the end of this term, the children will learn to read and plot coordinates on a graph and explore the position and direction of shapes on a graph.



## Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning about forces and how they affect the movement of objects. They will explore how gravity pulls objects towards the Earth and investigate forces such as friction, air resistance and water resistance. They will also learn about simple machines and how they can make tasks easier.



## History

In history this half term, the children will be learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade. They will explore how and why it began and what countries were involved. They will learn about the experiences of enslaved people and how the Slave Trade was abolished.



## Music

In music, the children will learn that there are many different and interesting styles of music. They will explore reggae and other popular 20th century styles of music. They will learn that it is 'texture' that makes music interesting and that different styles of music have different textures. The children will apply their knowledge of rhythm, pulse and texture when playing the glockenspiel.



## PE

Throughout this half term, the children will be focusing on athletics and developing their skills across a range of track and field events. They will work on improving their performance by strengthening their coordination, technique and control. This includes practicing sprint starts, long jump and a variety of throwing techniques.



## DT

The children will learn about different bridge structures, focusing on how stable shapes- especially triangles- help make truss bridges strong. They will design and build their own wooden bridge, using skills such as measuring accurately, cutting materials safely and joining pieces securely. Finally, the children will test their bridges to see how strong and stable they are and reflect on how they could improve their designs.



## PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children will be learning about healthy habits and how to make positive choices for their wellbeing. They will explore the importance of building healthy routines and discuss some common unhealthy habits people may develop. The children will also learn about the risks and effects of smoking, alcohol and Drugs and how these can impact health and wellbeing.



## French

In French this half term, the children will be learning the French words for food and drink items that you may order in a café. These include croissants, cakes, sandwiches and crepes. They will practice using the phrase 'je voudrais' to ask for something.



## Suggested books for reading

