

Year 5 News
Autumn 2
November 2025



Welcome back to school – we hope you've had relaxing half term breaks and are ready to get started on our new topic, all about the Arctic and Antarctic!

This half term, our theme is The Arctic and Antarctic, where we'll be exploring the incredible true stories from the ends of the Earth. Our core texts, Shackleton's Journey and Race to the Frozen North, will plunge us into tales of survival and extraordinary exploration. The excitement peaks with a very special visit from an actual Arctic explorer, who will share first-hand accounts of his amazing expeditions and answer all our questions! In Art, we'll create dramatic icy landscapes inspired by Shackleton's Journey's visuals. Our Science focus will continue to be on materials and their properties, challenging us to design the ultimate pair of polar explorer gloves. Maths will see us master multiplication and division before we dive into a unit on geometry. In PSHE, we'll draw on the themes of resilience and different perspectives from our reading to celebrate differences and diversity while exploring the British value of respect. We'll also continue our brass instrument learning in In Harmony sessions. In PE, we'll be focusing on swimming and gymnastics. Separately, we'll be rehearsing for a Year 5 drama performance, so keep your eyes peeled for information about that! It's shaping up to be a truly busy and memorable half term!

What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read. Ask them questions about what they have read. Log their reading in their reading diary.
- 2) Help your child continue to learn their times tables. Using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)
- 3) Ensure attendance is consistent and your children are in school on time (8:35am) every learning minute is crucial!

Thank you
Mrs Arney and Mrs Scott

REMINDERS

PE will be on Thursdays
Please remember to come to school in your PE kit including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside.
(Plain T-shirt, plain Joggers and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

Please continue to read at home as this is so important and helps children develop skills and a love of books. Please bring reading books and diaries to school every day.

In Harmony – Monday (5AS) / Wednesday (5KA). Please make sure instruments are in school and labelled.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

Winter Fair – Wednesday 3rd December, 3:45pm.

Christmas Dinner and jumper day – Wednesday 10th December.

Christmas Carol Singalong at St Mary's Church – Tuesday 16th December – 5PM

Year 5 Christmas Party – Wednesday 17th December

Year 5 Christmas Show – Thursday 18th December, 2pm.