



Welcome back Year Five

Join the learning adventure!

It's been a really positive start to the year, with the Swordfish and Stingrays joining the upper school and really impressing us with their confidence, enthusiasm and creativity.

We have started by exploring how to succeed through adopting a Growth Mindset! We have also focused on the school's six Core Values. Take a moment to enjoy our creative displays showing these as you are passing through the school!

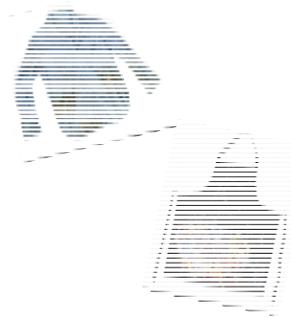
We'll be looking at the Tudors as our main wider curriculum topic this term and exploring this particular era in detail. There will be lots of other exciting learning opportunities in all areas too and these can be found on our Term 1 and 2 Curriculum Overview.

Practice makes perfect will be our motto in year 5 and there will always be opportunities for them to extend their capabilities beyond the classroom.

Here are some terrific tips to ensure you rise to the top!

- Read for at least 15 minutes everyday. It can be a story book, a newspaper article, a set of instructions, a website—it could be anything! Don't forget to record how often you're reading at home in your wonderful new home learning record.
- Practice your times tables regularly. Remember to try them out of order to check you know them really well. Concentrate on the ones you don't know and give yourself a time limit to see if you can be a 'speedy times tabler'!

Throughout the year we'll be doing some creative learning inside and outside the classroom. If you have any old or unused shirts and aprons we'd be grateful if you could send them in with the children as things are bound to get messy!



Key dates for the diary

Jeans for Genes Day	21st Sep
Learning Lunch	12th Oct
PTA Disco	25th Oct
Enrichment morning	19th Oct
INSET Day	26th Oct
Year 5 Residential	15th-16th Nov
Parent consultations	19th and 20th Nov
Christmas Dinner	12th Dec
Christmas Bazaar	14th Dec
Year 5 Christmas party	19th Dec
PTA Disco	20th Dec
Enrichment morning	21st Dec

Who will be teaching your children this year?

The Teachers

Miss Speirs remains in Year 5 for a fourth year. She loves dancing, art, history, literature and French so if you see her around the school, don't forget to say Bonjour :) **Miss Maynard** joins the Year 5 team and loves reading, maths and gardening!

On Thursdays, Swordfish will be taught by the wonderful **Miss Hodge** for the morning / afternoon as **Miss Maynard** will be taking on the role of SENCo this year.

The Teaching Assistants

The efficient **Mrs Riggs** supports the Year 5 learners every morning, helping them and giving feedback to ensure they make outstanding progress. We also are lucky to have the expertise of **Mrs Simons** who is the school's HLTA and Family Link worker. She teaches the children every Thursday whilst the teachers are busy planning exciting lessons for the week ahead.

