



Welcome to Year 5!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to say a huge welcome to all of our families following a well-deserved summer break. We hope the children are feeling rested and ready for the exciting year ahead. We are looking forward to working with you all and we ask you to continue to support your child with their learning at home.

Routine

At the start of the day, children will come into the classroom at **8.40 a.m.** Your child needs to be ready with everything they require for the day's learning, including reading books and reading records. The school day finishes at **3.15p.m.** Please let us know, in writing, if you would like your child to walk to another part of school to meet a sibling, walk to the gate, or to walk home by themselves.

English

Reading: The children will continue to read their Accelerated Reader books in school and take quizzes. Each child will also choose a library book and we expect all children to read regularly at home. Please ensure their reading record book is signed by an adult as they can collect their Read to Succeed reward points.

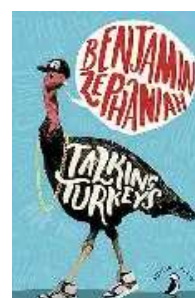
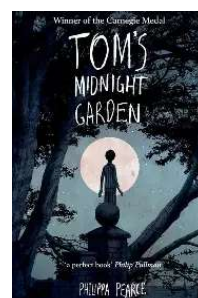
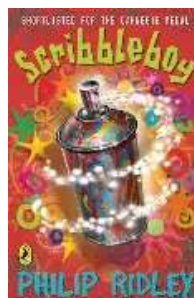
Literacy-led English curriculum: At Great Heath Academy, our English curriculum is led by high-quality literacy texts. This term we will be studying the following books:

Scribbleboy – Philip Ridley

Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce

Talking Turkeys – Benjamin Zephaniah

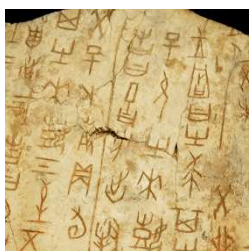
During these texts we will be focusing on character descriptions, reports, biographies and narratives.



Maths

We will continue to use White Rose Maths. The topics studied this term are place value, the four operations (add, subtract, multiply, divide) and fractions.

Topics



We will also be looking at Art, Design and Technology, Geography and Science through various companion projects.

Dynastic Dynasties - This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today (History).

Colour in Landscapes - This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about colour theory by studying tints, shades and tones. They learn about the features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create landscape paintings.

Investigating Our World - This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about locating map features using a range of methods. They learn about the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and worldwide time zones and study interconnected climate zones, vegetation belts and biomes. Children learn about human geography

and capital cities worldwide before looking at the UK motorway network and settlements. They carry out an enquiry to identify local settlement types (Geography).

Moving Mechanisms - This project teaches children about pneumatic systems. They experiment with pneumatics before designing, making and evaluating a pneumatic machine that performs a useful function (Design Technology).

Forces and mechanisms - This project teaches children about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, with children exploring their effects. They learn about mechanisms, their uses and how they allow a smaller effort to have a greater effect (Science).

P.E.

Children must bring their P.E. kit into school on a Monday, and these will stay in school until Friday. As most P.E. lessons will be outside the children can wear black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers, their green T-shirt and school jumper. Please ensure all P.E. kits are named.

Following the letter that was sent out earlier this week regarding the Government changes to earrings, if your child is unable to remove their own earrings, this **must** be done at home before school on their scheduled PE days. If your child is able to remove them independently, staff will provide an envelope to store them in during the lesson. The P.E days are as follows:

Meteor and Tornado – Tuesday and Wednesday

Osprey – Wednesday and Friday

Homework expectations

In Year 5, weekly homework will be set on a Friday and due the following Friday. This weekly homework will consist of spellings to practise, as well as the set CPG pages for that week. The CPG books will be used for Maths and SPaG learning. It is important that homework is completed every week, as this is used to support the learning the children have done in school.

Alongside this, each child will have a book to read, and we encourage the children to read daily and for this to be logged in their reading records by an adult.

Mobile phones

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, these **MUST** be handed in at the office prior to registration and collected at the end of the day. Under the new government guidelines, smart watches are also not allowed in school.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Kind regards,

Miss Hornsby, Miss Parrington and Mr Roberts