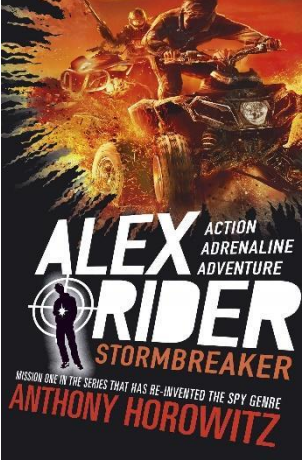


Year 5

Spring 1 Newsletter 2025

Welcome back to the new school term. There is lots to inform you about in the coming weeks.

English



This half term we will be sneaking into the Year 5 spy novel 'Alex Rider'. This is a large and difficult text, and we are excited to help the children tackle it and improve their reading stamina. We will use this for inspiration in our writing and parts of our reading comprehension (although as always, we will aim to show a diverse range of texts throughout the half-term). In writing, we will be aiming to focus on dialogue to develop plot, action and characters alongside focusing on precise word choices in order to eventually create our own spy novels in the style of Anthony Horowitz. In reading, we will aim to focus on consolidating retrieval skills every week whilst branching out into a range of other reading skills on a weekly basis.

Maths

In maths it is extremely important the children continue to access TimesTable Rockstars independently. This is a skill many of our children are currently focused on, with a need for them to be both more accurate and be able to answer quicker. It would be appreciated if the children had time at both school and at home repeatedly in the week to access and consolidate these skills. This will lead us into our units of work inside school perfectly, as we endeavor to understand multiplication and division. This will include formal written methods going to up multiplying a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number, as well as written division. After that, we will return to our work on fractions: focusing on multiplying them and working out fractions of amounts.

Science

We will be looking at the properties of materials in science this half term. This will include different ways to categorise materials, experiments we can use to test these properties and focusing on specific properties such as insulation and transparency.

History

We continue our history focus on Anglo-Saxon Britain as we learn about the Viking invasion and how that impacted the country. We will look at understanding where this era comes in the timeline of British events, and will look at key events from the timeline.



Computing

We will continue to focus on data and information in computing, as we begin to work with spreadsheets. This will include learning about formulas, both through the help of a wizard and learning how to input simple ones ourselves. We will also continue our weekly focus on Internet Safety and I would like to draw your attention to 11th February at the end of the half term which is Safer Internet Day.

PSHE

Internet safety links nicely into our PSHE unit around managing risk and keeping safe - with its own focus on what we do online. This unit will not exclusively be about online safety however, as it looks at our children's place in the wider world and how to stay safe within it.

P.E kit

All children need to bring the correct kit. P.E uniform is a white round necked T- Shirt with blue shorts or blue tracksuit bottoms or black leggings. Please make sure all items are clearly labeled. There are growing instances of children losing their kit, and unable to identify which is theirs without a name on all of the items. The first PE lesson continues to take place on a Wednesday, however we ask kit is in school from Monday.

If you have any questions about the activities in Year 5 please ask your child's class teacher.

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