

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back for the spring term. We hope you find the following information in this booklet to be helpful.

Thank you for your support this busy half term.

Spring Term 2026

Your children will be taught by Mrs Barone (Bees) and Mr Garrity (Grasshoppers) from Monday to Friday, apart from alternate Tuesdays when the children will be taught by Mrs Godrich (Bees) and Mrs Bishop (Grasshoppers).

The school gates open at 8:40am and register will be taken at 8:50am. If you are later than 9am, the gates will be closed, and you will need to report to the front office.

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including black shoes or black trainers, a white polo shirt and grey skirt/trousers. Children can wear a plain, stud earring in each ear if they wish. Hairbands should be plain and no other jewellery (necklaces/bracelets etc) should be worn.

At Home

Support your child at home by regularly practicing times tables and telling the time. Times tables knowledge is essential for achieving in Year 5 Maths and so it is vital that all children can recall their times tables and related division facts rapidly. There are lots of options for practicing: TT Rockstars, creating a game or chant or quick-fire questions with someone at home.

We are concerned that home reading is not happening 3 times per week, in line with the school policy. Please continue to read with your child for 15 minutes at least three times a week. It may seem like they are older and they may wish to be more independent, but reading aloud is a crucial skill for every child to have.

Your child will bring home a home reading book that should meet their needs. If you find the book to be too challenging or simple, then please ask your child to speak to an adult in school.

We are keen to develop a love of books and reading across Year 5!

For spellings, your child will bring home their small, orange spelling book on a Monday with new spelling words to practice, along with a homework sheet. The spelling books must be returned on Friday, when we will do a spelling test.



An Information Booklet for Parents and Carers Year 5

Staff Names:

Mrs Barone
Mr Garrity
Mrs Mann
Mrs Leeman
Mrs Martin
Miss Williams
Mrs Bishop
Mrs Godrich



What are we learning this half term?

In **English** we will our Key Texts will be 'The Explorer' and 'The Jungle Book'. The children will learn to write narrative, persuasion and newspaper reports.

Your child will continue to bring home spelling sheet to practice each week. Each week the spellings will follow a set rule.

In **Maths**, we are revisiting multiplication and division then moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages.

In **Science**, we are focusing on Earth and Space. We will be using a range of scientific skills, including practical skills.

Our **Geography focus** for this half term is Rainforests. Our key question is 'What makes the rainforests unique?' We will be using a range of skills to try to answer this question.

Key Texts this half term

This half term, we are studying 'The Explore' by Katherine Rundell and The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling.

Contact

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, your first point of contact is one of the Year 5 class teachers (Mrs Barone or Mr Garrity).

The easiest method is to speak to one of us at the end of the school day.

However, you can also contact us via the below email address:

UKS2@tnhps.rklt.co.uk

Other concerns relating to absence, school uniform, lunches etc. should be directed to the school office.

There is also a lot of information on our school website:
[TempleneWSam Halton Primary School - Red Kite Learning Trust - Home](#)

Things to remember... P.E Days

Year 5's P.E. day continues to be **Wednesday**. On this day, please wear your PE kit to school. PE kit is as follows: plain white t-shirt, school jumper (old or new), black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain trainers. PE will be outside throughout the year so children should be prepared for this weather.

Jewelry should not be worn during PE lessons. Earrings that can't be removed should be taped over.

What to bring to school

All stationery is provided by school. **Children should not bring pencil cases.**

Ideally, children should bring bookbags each day so please avoid sending children in with large rucksacks as space in the cloakroom is limited.

Toys or special mementos should not be brought in as they can be lost or broken.

Remember to bring a water bottle every day!

Children are also invited to bring in a healthy snack for break time.