

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a lovely start to the spring term, we are looking forward to starting spring 2. We hope you find the following information in this booklet to be helpful.

Thank you for your support this busy half term.

Spring Term 2 2026

Your children will be taught by Mrs Barone (Bees) and Mr Garrity (Grasshoppers) from Monday to Friday, apart from alternate Tuesday's, when the children will be taught by Mrs Barone (Bees) and Mrs Gaodrich (Brimstones).

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

As a year group we are encouraging more regular reading at home. Frequent reading is vitally important to improve reading skills. Therefore, we ask for your continued support with this.

Children can read books from school and from home and can take more of an active choice in what they are reading.

We ask that you reading with them at home too, in order for them to remain confident readers who can read aloud.

Children should record their reading at least 3 x per week in their reading record. For those children who do not read at least 3 times per week at week, they will be asked to attend a lunchtime reading club. This is to support your child's reading development.

As a school focus, we are looking at telling the time. We ask that at home, you also help and challenge your child with learning how to tell time using a range of sources (including digital and analogue clocks).

Times tables continue to be a focus in maths. Please continue to practice these at home!



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Year 5 202

Staff Names:

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



What are we learning this half term?

In **English** we will be looking at 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and 'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse' by Joe Todd-Stanton as a writing stimulus. We will be writing our own Greek myth adventures and suspense narratives based on these texts.

Your child will have a weekly spelling lesson on a Monday morning. Each day, we will teach the spelling rule/words. The children will bring sheets home to practice each rule. Then on Friday, we will have a spelling test.

In **Maths**, we are starting the half term looking at decimals and percentages. We will then move on to perimeter and area. We are also recapping time, shape and times tables regularly. We ask that, at home, you regularly practice telling the time and times tables with your child. Many of our year 5 children are still unfamiliar with the analogue time, it would be great if you could look at clocks and practice this skill as much as possible.

In **Science** this half term, our topic is Properties and Materials. We will be grouping materials, investigating solubility, separation, evaporation, absorbency and reversible/irreversible changes.

In **History** this half term, our topic will be 'Ancient Greece'. Our key question is 'How have the Ancient Greeks influenced life today?'

In **Art** this half term, we will be looking at 3D forms and sculptures. This will be space themed with a link to our previous science learning.

In **PE** we will be learning volleyball and fitness skills.

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 and 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 our phase leader (Mrs Barone) on 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. **We are also asking that when dropping off in the morning, parents do not walk around the side of the building towards the 5/6 classrooms or enter the cloakrooms. One of the UKS2 staff members is on the playground each day and we ask that any messages are either passed on to them or you can call the office to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher if needed.**

Things to remember... P.E Days

Year 5's P.E. day will change to **Monday**. 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. Trainers must be appropriate for playing sport in. PE will be outside throughout the year so children should be prepared for this weather. Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons. Earrings that can't be removed should be taped over. Watches must be removed and long hair should be tied back.

In PE this half term, we are doing fitness and volleyball. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate PE kit on a Wednesday with trainers.

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.

Reading records must be brought to school on a Friday!

Remember to bring a water bottle every day!