

Welcome to Year 5!



We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for their exciting school year ahead! We're looking forward to an action-packed term filled with learning, creativity and new opportunities to explore.

Meet the team:



Miss Maxa



Mrs Bater



Mrs Monger



Mrs Squires



Mrs Coombes

This year, we'll be covering some fascinating and engaging topics across the curriculum. Here is a brief overview of what's coming up, and more information will be added to our class pages very soon. Throughout the year I'll continue updating the pages to share our learning journey so you can follow along and discuss what we've been exploring in class at home.

In Maths this term, we will begin by focusing on *place value* before moving on to *addition and subtraction* of larger numbers. The children will be encouraged to use a variety of mental strategies where possible and to apply rounding to check the accuracy of their answers. A key focus will be on deepening the children's understanding by exploring the processes behind their calculations and encouraging them to ask questions and explain their reasoning. We will also be using a range of manipulatives to support and strengthen learning. To help develop fluency and timetables we will continue the use of times table rock stars (TTRS) regularly in school. TTRS can also be accessed at home and we encourage you to support your child in practicing whenever possible. If you need any login details, please don't hesitate to contact us.

In English this term, we will begin by exploring our first book, *Robot Girl*. Throughout this text, the children will take part in a range of engaging activities, including discussions, debates, writing dialogue, character comparisons and book reviews. These tasks will help develop their comprehension, critical thinking and writing skills while encouraging them to share and justify their ideas. Heading into Year 5 now, we are looking to expand vocabulary in all writing and up leveling our own work, whilst ensuring we keep and consolidate the use of punctuation. Weekly spellings will be given, and this will run alongside spelling, vocabulary and phonics lessons within school. Within whole class guided reading, children will take part in daily tasks and read/breakdown extracts together. Our first book for this will be *Cosmic*.



During Topic lessons this term, we will look at our Geographical topic of 'Mountains – The Alps', understanding the physical and human features and what life is like in the Alps. Children will consider the impact this has had on modern Britain. As we approach Christmas, 'The Vikings'. We will be delving into this exciting and interesting part of British History, learning about how Vikings arrived in Britain, how they lived, the food they ate and the various battles that took place.

In Science, the children will be taught by Mrs Squires and begin by looking at the Properties of Materials and Forces. They will take part in a variety of practical learning activities, making predictions and completing conclusions. Again, looking again at the children's ability to ask questions, develop their understanding and their curiosity.



Children must have the appropriate uniform for PE (plain white t-shirt, blue or black shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers) at school every day. PE will be delivered once weekly alongside our daily exercise sessions.

PSHE will be following the SCARF programme and will be taught once a week. In RE, we will be looking at 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' After half term, the enquiry question will link to Christmas, considering 'Why Christians believe that Jesus is The Messiah'. At all times, children will be expected to respect different opinions to their own and our PSHE supports children to identify their own feelings and deal with different points of view in a positive way.

We have many exciting activities and events coming up this year too! Harvest Festival and the whole school walk up soon and lots of other trips/visitors throughout the year. As always there are a variety of afterschool clubs for children to take part in. I would also like to invite parents/carers to a 'meet the teaching meeting' on Wednesday 10th September where you can ask any questions you may have and a chance to meet with you and catch up in person.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact school via email year5@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk or on the school gate in the mornings or afternoons.

It is great to see the children have settled in well so far and we are excited to see the amazing progress they will make this year.

Best wishes

Miss Maxa, Mrs Bater, Mrs Squires, Mrs Monger and Mrs Coombes