



## Year Five Newsletter Spring, 2025



### Welcome

Hello everyone and a big welcome to the new Spring Term in 2025!

### Website Reminder

To keep you up to date with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities, as well as with your child's learning, achievements and progress, we will be continually updating our website throughout the term. To access this information, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: [www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 5.

### Water Reminder

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. See section 4. If your child has a packed lunch a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

### Social Media Reminder

To find regular updates about school, please head over to our Facebook Page (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what all the children have been up to!



### Learning

This coming term, Year 5 will be learning about lots of exciting things. In our literacy lessons, our class books will be 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said, 'Incredible Edibles' by Stefan Gates, 'A Word in your Ear' by Tony Ross and 'Volcanoes' by Izzi Howell. Maths will see us take a tour of division, area and scaling, investigate decimal fractions and delve into factors, multiples and primes. In our Geography lessons, we will be revisiting South America and The Water Cycle with different learning focuses, as well as conducting fieldwork recording cloud formations! History will see us going on an exciting trip to Gainsborough Old Hall to immerse ourselves in Tudor life (more information to follow), whilst in our DT time, we will be designing, making and evaluating kites. Art will see us studying the classic French sculptor Auguste Rodin and during Science we shall be learning all about life cycles and life processes, solids, liquids and gases, aspects of our solar system and the effects of air and water resistance and friction.



### Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS

Your child will continue to be given a spelling list to learn each week. Please support your child and help them to learn these words so that they can use them in their writing (putting them into sentences is a great way). Every two weeks, your child will also be given- and expected to learn- a set of Maths KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) which they will be tested at the end of each term.

We will also continue to develop children's times tables knowledge through Rockstars. Times tables knowledge and recall is vital as it assists practically all areas of maths. Each week the

children will have a specific times table area to learn which we will also work on in class, so please encourage them to practise these at home.

New spellings and times tables will be given out each week on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Thank you for your continued support with this - we know how busy home life can be!

### P.E.

Year 5 will continue to have their PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all classes. As the warmer weather arrives, we will endeavour to be outside more and more, so please ensure your child is prepared for the changeable British weather! Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the session for health and safety reasons – this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class, so please manage this at home. Additionally, long hair will need to be tied up, again due to health and safety. Thank you with your support on this.

### Dates for your Diary

**PE days:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays

**Each Friday:** Spelling and Tables testing (**Homework handed in Friday**)

Kindest of regards,

**The Year Five Teaching Team**