



## Year Five Newsletter September, 2025



### Welcome

Hello everyone! A huge welcome from the Year 5 team to the Autumn Term! We hope you all had an amazing summer and this newsletter finds you all well.



### Website Reminder

Our website will be continually updated with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities. To access this information, including pictures and videos of the children learning, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: [www.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and

Year 5.

### Social Media Reminder

Please follow us on Facebook ([@Old Clee Primary Academy](https://www.facebook.com/OldCleePrimaryAcademy)) to see what the children have been up to!



### Curriculum

During the Autumn Term in Maths, Year 5 will be focusing on place value, decimals, basic operations, money, negative numbers and short multiplication and division. In English, the children will be given many opportunities to engage in reading in our: 'Bug Club' sessions, library sessions, in class ERIC time and 1:1 with their class teacher. In addition, the children will be reading regular class books too. Our writing will be learning and applying appropriate skills that cover the genres of narrative, non-fiction and poetry. We are kick starting this term with 'Inside the Villains'. In addition to this, we are looking forward to covering a broad range of curriculum areas. In Science, the children will be describing the differences in lifecycles and changes as humans develop as part of Biology; investigating materials based upon their properties in Chemistry; and understanding the Earth's movements in space as well as forces in Physics. Through our history lessons, we will be learning lots more about the Mayans (as well as really interesting local history!). South America, The Water Cycle and Biomes will be the foci in our Geography lessons and we will be studying Andy Warhol's Pop Art in our Art and Design lessons.



### Habits of Mind

This term we are introducing our school community to the **Habits of Mind by Arthur L. Costa** – a set of thinking dispositions that help children become confident, capable, and resilient learners. The first habit we are focusing on is **Striving for Accuracy**. This means encouraging pupils to check their work carefully, take pride in doing their best, and recognise that effort and persistence make a real difference. At school, we are supporting children to slow down, reflect, and improve their work step by step. You can encourage this habit at home too by praising your child's effort when they take extra care, whether it's finishing homework neatly, building something carefully, or even helping in the kitchen. Together, we can help our learners see the value in aiming for accuracy and taking pride in doing things well.

#### Striving for accuracy

Check it again!



- ✓ Doing your best.
- ✓ Setting high standards.
- ✓ Fact checking.
- ✓ Finding ways to improve.

### Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS

Each week, your child will be given a spelling list to learn. Please support your child and help them to learn these words so that they can use them in their writing. 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 on each fortnight (on Fridays).

We will also continue to develop children's times tables knowledge through fun Rockstars challenges. Times tables knowledge and recall is vital as it assists all areas of maths. Times tables will be given out each week on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Spellings will be given out 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.

P.E. for all Year 5 classes will take place every Thursday for all classes (5CB, 5CW and 5RT).

Additional PE will take place on  
**Monday: 5CB**

### **Wednesday 5CW and 5RT.**

Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. 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.

### **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.



### **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday:** All Year 5 classes PE session.

**Every Friday:** Spellings and KIRFs given out. (KIRFs every fortnight)

Here's to a fantastic Autumn term!

Warmest Regards,

**The Year Five Teaching Team**