

**The Teachers in Year 5 are:** Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Kaur  
**The Teaching Assistant is:** Mrs Preston

### Our Topic this Half Term is 'Sow, Grow and Farm'

This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.

This half term we will be looking at four different mini topics. Our Design Technology work will include the children learning about food hygiene, preparation and cooking techniques, we will even be making our own soup! Our science project will be around Human and Animal Reproduction, we will look at life cycles and ageing. For Art, the children will learn about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. The Art project will also teach the children about the genre of land art. They will work outdoors to sketch natural forms and explore the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations.

**In English**, we will be writing a balanced argument on organic foods. We will write setting descriptions based on our class reading and a non-chronological report on life cycles. We will practise the Y5/6 spelling lists; the spellings will be set via Sumdog each week, if you could work with your child on these we would really appreciate your support.

### How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

You can help at home by discussing the topics with your children. You might like to talk about or experiment with cooking skills. The children would also benefit from looking at food labels to find out where different foods come from and what it contains.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be refreshing the children's skills in the column method for addition and subtraction, working on multiplication and division methods, calculating with fractions and using percentages.

### General Reminders:

**PE:** P.E is on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure earrings are taken out for these sessions. Children should come to school in their P.E kit (white top / black bottoms)

**I-Pads:** Your child must bring their school i-pad each day and ensure it has been charged at home.

**Homework:** Your child will be given homework on Purple Mash, Sumdog and Myon. This will be given weekly on a Friday and should be returned on a Thursday. Children not completing homework will miss their breaktime on a Friday.

**Reading:** Please read your child's reading book with them as often as possible and use MyOn to quiz and read at home too.

**Water Bottles:** Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day. They should contain water only.

**Healthy Snack:** Children may bring a healthy snack every day for break, fruit or vegetables.

### Useful Websites:

[www.myon.org.uk](http://www.myon.org.uk)  
[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)  
<https://www.purplemash.com/>  
<https://ttrockstars.com/>

### Dates for your Diary:

26.02.24 Back to school  
7.3.24 World Book Day  
12.03.24 Parents evening  
14.03.24 Parents evening  
28.03.24 Easter Bonnet Parade & End of term  
15.04.24 Back to School

### Any other Information

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about your child's learning.