



LEARNING LETTER

Class 5

Mrs Foley and Miss Etchells supported by Mrs Roberts
Autumn 2 2025-2026



We hope you had a wonderful break and got up to lots of spooky Halloween fun! We are certainly ready and raring to go for the half term ahead; Christmas will be here before we know it and we have lots of exciting learning to cover before then!

CURRICULUM

This half term, we are all about design and technology! Our topic is 'Food Fiesta' where we will be cooking up a storm, creating our own Mexican street food and learning all about a healthy and varied diet. We will investigate and evaluate a range of food products, gain experience in preparing ingredients safely and hygienically and design and plan our own recipe, before putting it all into practice and cooking a delicious meal.

Throughout this half term we will also have other opportunities to showcase our creativity with remembrance artwork, where you will see our Poppies proudly displayed on the school gates. There will also be opportunity for Christmas crafts, where we would love to see some of our grown-ups in school!



This term, we have the pantomime to look forward to as our school trip and we also have a scheduled author event on the 13th November, where children will hear from author Alan Gratz and how he wrote the story 'Refugee'. This will link to Remembrance Day.

Our class reader this half term is 'A pocketful of stars' by author Aisha Bushby. We will also read a selection of picture books linking to WW1.

Please keep an eye on our class page on the school website, where you will be able to look at some of the exciting learning we get up to!

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Topic homework – We have three great homework challenges for you to get stuck into this half term! Get stuck into some writing, artwork or design technology!

Reading homework – Each half term, the children will take part in our school reading Olympics with opportunity to achieve bronze, silver, gold, and platinum badges for reading at home. I would love for every child to beat their personal best! Please read at home with your child a minimum of 3 times per week. Where possible, please ask questions about the book they are reading to continuously improve their comprehension skills. Children should also be encouraged to log into Nessy reading at home if not yet completed.

Maths homework – Year 4 is a crucial year for times table fluency with the national multiplication check occurring in June. Please practice times tables with children as much as possible and please encourage children to practice on Hit the button and Doodle. Children will be rewarded with a badge in assembly each time they master a new times table! Children will also be sent home with maths fluency homework each week to consolidate knowledge.

GENERAL REMINDERS

This term, our school value is 'Resilience'. In class 5, the work set stretches and challenges students. Children are expected to use critical thinking skills and push themselves to reach higher level work. Although it can get tricky, children are encouraged to never give up and always try their best. Resilience is key! Mistakes are part of learning, and it is how we move on from them that matters! As always, we are going to have a keen focus on handwriting and consistent and accurate transcription will be rewarded with a pen.

This half term we have assessments to complete in reasoning, arithmetic, comprehension, grammar, and spelling. Keep calm and stay focused!

PE remains on a Wednesday and Friday. On Friday, PE is swimming, please ensure you bring your swimming kit, towel and goggles (if you so wish to use them). Normal PE kit on a Wednesday for sports hall athletics. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct Bramley Vale PE kit. All school uniform can be purchased from the school office. A polite reminder that children are to wear black footwear.

We expect children to show responsibility for their belongings. Please ensure all items are labelled with their name.



Homework

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CRAVE CURRICULUM History – Food Fiesta – Mexican Street Food

Please choose one of the following homework challenges to complete. You may do more than one activity. Dojos will be awarded.
Please bring your completed project back to school by Friday 5th December.



Create a fact file all about Mexican cuisine!

What are the countries signature dishes?
What food do they eat for celebrations?
Is street food a big part of Mexican culture?

Make a staple Mexican dish of your choice.

Please send in photos of you cooking in action and a photo of the finished product. If you really want to impress me, write a food critic review of your dish! What would you rate the presentation/taste, and would you make it again?!

Create your plate!

Using the Eatwell guide, design your own plate showing a healthy and balanced meal. It should show all the food groups and be colourful and eye catching!