



# LEARNING LETTER

Class 5

Miss Etchells supported by Mrs Roberts  
Spring 1 2025-2026



We hope you all had a fantastic half term break. We have a lot of exciting learning opportunities ahead over the next five weeks.

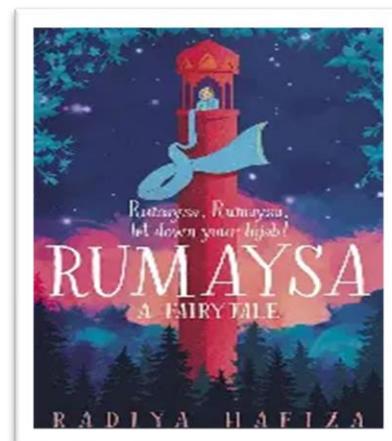
## CURRICULUM

This half term, our focus is on History! Our topic is 'World War One- Life in the trenches'. We will begin by learning about when World War One took place and who it involved. We will study the key causes, before focusing in on trench warfare. We will then learn about the basic trench structure and conditions as well as recognising how new technology changed the warfare. We will learn specifically about the events of the Battle of the Somme and why it is important to remember. We will recognise the roles of women and animals during World War One before finally learning about how and why the war ended.



In Science, we will be learning about Earth and space. We will study the geocentric and heliocentric models of the Solar System. We will understand how to describe the orbit of celestial bodies in the Solar System. We will learn about the orbit of the Moon around Earth and its phases. We will also learn about how day and night, and seasons, occur.

In English we will be exploring fairy tales as we read the text 'Rumaysa: A fairy tale' by Radiya Hafiza. This book retells the story of three classic fairytales- Rapunzel, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty- weaving them together into one new adventure with a twist. Set in a magical version of South Asia, Rumaysa explores enchanted forests and dragon lairs, teaming up with some friends along the way!



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!

**Reading homework** – Each half term, the children will take part in our school reading Olympics with an 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 Nesy 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 'Positivity'. We will be looking for children who bring a 'can do' attitude to their learning and spread their positive energy around our school community.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday. This half term we will be continuing to develop gymnastic skills. 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 – World War One- Life in the trenches

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 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



Create a piece of artwork to depict life in the trenches. Think about the conditions. Choose which medium you would like to use- sketching pencils, charcoals, watercolours, collage, maybe even a mix of many!



Research trench cake and have a go at making your own to share with family and friends.



Make a fact file or presentation about one of the following significant people: Walter Tull, Jack Cornwell, Edith Cavell, Helen Fairchild.