



LEARNING LETTER

Class 5

Miss Etchells supported by Mrs Roberts
Summer 2 2025-2026



Welcome back Class 5! We hope you had a lovely half term break in the sunshine!

CURRICULUM

This half term, we are all about Geography! Our topic is 'Conservation of bees'. We will begin by learning why bees are so important for our planet. We will study different land uses around school, before carrying out some fieldwork to determine how bee-friendly our school is. We will then learn about more effective ways to help conserve bees, before planning, recording and evaluating some of these ideas.



In Science, we will be practising our investigative skills as we carry out a range of experiments. We will be looking at how to plan out a fair test, carry out observations, and collect and analyse data which we will use to draw conclusions.

Our first text in English is called 'The arrival' by Shaun Tan. This is a wordless picture book which explores the themes of migration, relationships and belonging. We will use this text to write a narrative retelling built around a man's journey to another country.



Our second text, which we will enjoy as our class reader, is 'The last bear' by Hannah Gold. There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...

We will use the events of this story to write a newspaper report about April's rescue.

This is a busy half term with lots of events taking place. We will be holding a whole school Big Write event, where children will be provided with a simple stimulus which they will use to write a story. This is an opportunity for children to really let their creativity shine! Rehearsals are currently underway for our Key Stage two summer play 'Grossbusters' which children will be performing in July. We will also be holding our DT challenge day 'Catch the Pidgeon' where children will work in their houses to build and test a model that flies.

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 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. Please ensure diaries are filled in with the date, title of the book and pages read, a comment and signature. 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 Nessler reading at home if not yet completed.

Maths homework – 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 'Independence'. We will be looking for children who make their own decisions about both work and behaviour. We will be looking for children to use their own problem-solving skills, self-reliance and maturity to take on new responsibilities. We will be celebrating children who try out new tasks on their own and showcase their own unique way of thinking.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday. 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. A reminder that children must not bring in toys to school. This includes squishy toys- please leave at home.



Homework challenges

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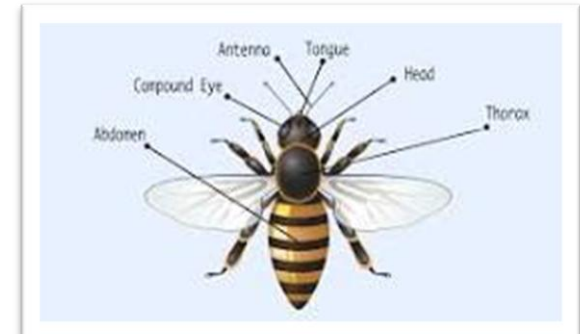
Please choose one of the following homework challenges to complete. You may do more than one activity. Dojos will be awarded.
Please bring your completed project back to school by Monday 13th July.



Build your own bee hotel. Use a wooden box and hollow stems to create your own bee-friendly habitat. Hang in your garden and watch the bees move in!



Learn about the life cycle of a honeybee and make your own life cycle plate to show each stage. Include the number of days it takes for each of the life cycle stages.



When you're out and about, try to spot and identify any visiting bees. Can you draw them and label the parts of their body?