



LEARNING LETTER

Class 5

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Welcome back to school Class 5! We hope you had a fantastic summer and made lots of lovely memories. Hopefully you are feeling refreshed and well-rested ready for a busy term ahead! We can't wait to experience lots of new learning with you all.

CURRICULUM

This half term, we are all about History! Our topic is 'The Romans' with a particular focus on who ruled and opposed the empire and the important questions of 'How did the Roman empire impact Britain?' We will consider what life was like in early Rome, who controlled Rome and learn about Rome's great army. In addition to this, we will also explore different rulers, including Emperor Claudius and opposition from Boudica. Lastly, we will look at different settlements and how Rome's empire impacted the East Midlands.



This term, to support our topic learning, we will have a school trip on Thursday 1st October to the Bosworth Battlefield to learn more about the Romans. Children will participate in enlisting into Boudica's army, exploring the life of a Roman soldier and to see and handle Roman artefacts.

Our class reader this half term is 'The Beanstalk Murder' by P.G. Bell. This links to traditional tales and is a thrilling adventure novel.



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/computer work, art and 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! Last year, Class 5 achieved everyone on Bronze and were able to take part in a LAZY DAY! We would love to take part in this again this half term!

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. This half term, children will also have the opportunity to read the books shortlisted for the LOLLIES (Laugh out loud) award 2026.

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 'Pride'. In class 5, we have high expectations, and the quality and presentation of your work will be under close inspection. We are going to have a keen focus on handwriting and consistent and accurate transcription will be rewarded with a pen.

PE will now be on a Tuesday this half term with swimming being on Wednesday. Please ensure you bring your swimming kit, towel and goggles (if you so wish to use them). Normal PE kit on a Tuesday. 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

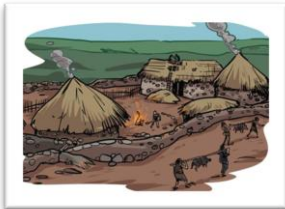
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CRAVE CURRICULUM History – The Romans – How did the Roman Empire impact Britain?

Please choose one of the following homework challenges to complete. You may do more than one activity. Dojos will be awarded. There will also be the opportunity to show your homework in the Friday assembly too.



Create a Roman or Celtic settlement.
This could be made out of recycling, playdough, clay/mud, sticks, or this can be drawn and painted.
What are the differences in these settlements?



Create a Roman shield.
This can be made from cardboard and painted.
Will you make an oval shield (Auxillary soldier) or a curved rectangle shield (legionary soldier)
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Can you create a fact file (paper or computer) about the Emperors of Rome?
Or you can create some more Top Trumps about the Roman Emperors.

What were their successes, what were their downfalls?
Who were they?