

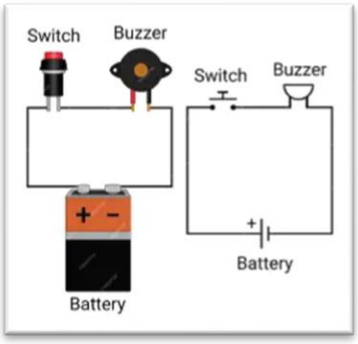
LEARNING LETTER

Class 5

Miss Carnelley and Miss Etchells

Autumn 2 2026-2027

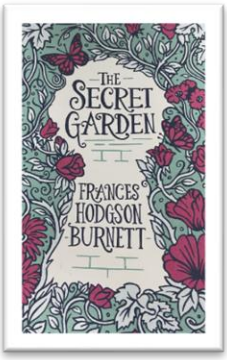
Welcome back to school Class 5! We hope you had a fantastic October half term and made lots of lovely memories. Hopefully you are feeling refreshed and well-rested ready for a busy term ahead! We can't wait to experience lots of new learning with you all.



CURRICULUM

This half term, we are all about Design and Technology! Our topic is 'Fantasy Door.' The children will create their own fantasy door, which will be put on a wooden structure, with a series circuit, which lights a bulb either inside the door or outside and a doorbell (buzzer). This topic we are designing electrical systems, where the children will have to create a design brief and criteria for success, make their fantasy door and evaluate it. I can't wait to see their finished product.

On the 11th December there will be a Design and Technology open afternoon, where the children will showcase their doors to parents and carers.



Our class reader this half term is 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. This links to our 'Fantasy Door' topic in Design and technology. This book was also mentioned last half term, and the children were very keen to read it next.

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. Please make sure, in their diaries, they have the date, comment and signature/name of who read with them, otherwise it cannot be counted. 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.

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, 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.
This half term is parents evening too, where you will get to ask questions about your child/children about their settling in and next steps to achieve their targets.
We will also be walking to the Cenotaph on the 11th November for Remembrance Day, so remember to wear those poppies!

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.



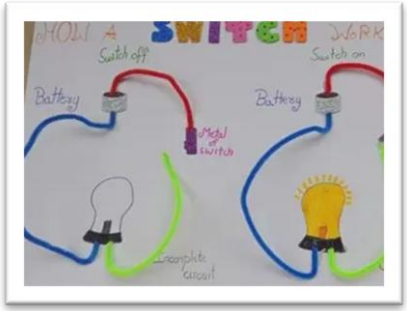
Homework

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CRAVE CURRICULUM Design and Technology – Fantasy Door – Using electrical systems

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.



Series Circuit

Can you make a pretend series circuit, using bits and bobs from your house? You can draw the switches and bulbs or even make a bulb out of junk. You could use pipe cleaners or sting for wires.
Can you label your creation.
Tell me what the circuit would be used for, what is its purpose?



Fantasy Door

Can you make a fantasy door out of different mediums. You might want to make it out of junk/recycling, paint a door on card or paper, or maybe you have aqua beads?

What will your door look like?



Space

In English we are looking at the story 'Curiosity and the story of a Mars Rover.'

Can you design and make a robot to go into space to visit Mars? This might be made from recycled materials
Can you research about space and make a poster or fact file?
Can you research about the real Mars Rover?