



# Year 5/6 2025 - 2026 AUTUMN TERM

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday. At unbelievable speed, it is the start of another school year! It's an important one for year 6 as they learn to become more independent and prepare for the transition to secondary school, and for our Year 5s, they will be stepping up their learning and setting themselves ambitious targets.

## **Project**

Our project for this term is a history topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be learning about the changes in hunting, gathering and farming and comparing prehistoric tools. Also we will look at the significance of Stonehenge and learning about life as an Iron Age villager.

## **Reading**

We will have daily quiet reading sessions, so please make sure children have their diaries and books in their bags **every day**. Please, please, please wherever possible, read with your child everyday at home. It is the single thing which makes a MASSIVE difference to their confidence, achievement and ability to access learning in the classroom- even when they are in Year 5 and 6!

## **SMART**

Please remember to make use of the SMART apps for which we pay the children's subscriptions. DoodleLearning has four separate apps: DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables. The children's DoodleLearning login is the same for all the apps, and they're all great to help fill any gaps. We will be celebrating children who are in the green zone on their DoodleLearning every Friday as an extra incentive to be SMART! Children who use Doodle every day for 6 weeks can make 2 years progress in the subject. There is a 100% correlation between children who do their apps daily at home for the whole of KS2 and those who pass their SATs with no stress!

The children's Oddizzi login is the same and the password is the same. They can also use TT Rockstars to practise their timetables too.

## **Swimming**

A few children will continue to swim this term to ensure they reach the National Curriculum requirements and are safe for not only the water activities on the Year 6 residential but through their whole life.

## **SATS**

Year 6 will be having their SATS from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026- absence will not be authorised so please do not book any holidays!

We will spend some time this year practising the tests and I will run SATs clubs a bit later in the term to help close the gaps in missing knowledge of the KS2 curriculum.

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## Year 5/6 Autumn Term 2025

### TERM: History THEME: Stone Age - Iron Age

**KEY ENQUIRY QUESTION:** What does it mean to truly survive?

<b>VISIT:</b>	We have an actor visiting to teach the children about Stone Age life.
<b>English</b>	Short burst, Haiku, diaries and discussion texts.
<b>Maths</b>	addition (inverse, partitioning and decimals), division (10,100,1000), multiplication (x three numbers, 10, 100, 1000, and decimal x integer) and subtraction (inverse and decimals)
<b>Religious Education</b>	Christian Incarnation- Was Jesus the Messiah?
<b>Science</b>	Properties of materials: sieving, filtration, solubility, oxidation and burning.
<b>Music</b>	Melody and Harmony in music. Sing and Play in Different Styles.
<b>PSHE</b>	Being Me In My World. Celebrating Difference.
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Print: re-create cave paintings to tell stories.
<b>Computing</b>	Internet safety.
<b>PE</b>	tag rugby, hockey and dance
<b>P4C</b>	Which and Why- different philosophy questions for each week.
<b>Spirituality</b>	Be self-aware and empathise with the experience of others in the school and wider community.