



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Summer Term – Curriculum Letter 2025

Welcome to the Year 5 curriculum letter within which you will find useful information about the forthcoming term. We are looking forward to taking part in some fun and exciting activities that we have traditionally taken part in at this time of the year. We are extremely excited about it!

Reminders:

- Please ensure that **full JYS PE kit** is in school all week from Monday morning. It will then be sent home each Friday to completely clear the cloakroom and to allow the kit to be washed. To ensure that any 'found' items can be returned to their owners promptly, please ensure that your child's P.E. kit and other school clothing is **clearly named**. The children do P.E. on Wednesday afternoon.
- Please ensure that your child is wearing **black school shoes** to school, not trainers.
- A short Home Learning activity will be set on a Wednesday to be returned by the following Tuesday. Thank you for your support with encouraging your child to hand their home learning in on time if they choose to do it. We would also like to remind you again that doing home learning is optional, not mandatory.
- We are continuing to work on all the times tables, so the children will be tested on them all, a little each week. Regular practise of these at home is **absolutely essential** for improving and maintaining speed and accuracy of recall – again, thank you for your continued support with this. They are also being set spellings on a Monday and tested on a Friday. This term, we will be recording their results, and we do encourage them to be learning them.
- Regular reading aloud continues to be essential in Year 5 – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to make progress. Daily reading material will include your child's schoolbook but can of course extend to texts such as other reading books, newspapers, recipe books, magazines/comics or joke books.

Last term:

The Spring Term was a good one for Year 5. We learned about The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Paul Ullson visited us twice to tell us about the Viking way of life and show us some Norse artefacts too. We did lots of experiments in Science on Properties of Materials and even managed to reclaim salt from a salt solution! We have also enjoyed writing our Science Fiction stories, and learning how to program the micro:bits!

This term:

This term promises to be another action-packed term as we learn about Space and Earthquakes this half-term and Rainforests in the final half term. We will encourage the children to continue to have on-going input into their learning regarding these themes; they will also choose how to present more of their work, especially with Home Learning projects.

We are also looking forward to our Space Themed residential and ALIEN DAY on Monday 28th April!

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Useful websites for homework help include:
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/space.html> .
- Visiting the local library.
- Useful books to read include non-fiction texts about rainforests and space.
- Continue to develop your child's mental maths with some quick-fire questions based on times tables (and their related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers, including questions with money, negative numbers and decimals.
- Explore measures in the context of home including telling the time (e.g. the 12- and 24-hour clock) cooking, baking and gardening.

Finally, does anyone:

- Have any historical artefacts they would be happy to give or lend the school? We are trying to expand our library of physical resources for the children to handle. We would particularly appreciate items linked to our main themes of Rainforests, Geographical instruments, (compasses, maps, atlases, binoculars, telescopes etc).



We are looking forward to a super summer term, let's just hope we have good weather too!

Kind regards,

Mr Neaves, Miss Lomax and Mrs Taylor