



Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32)

Year Five Autumn Term 2026 First Half-Term

TEACHERS: Mr Nijjer & Mr Linstead

Welcome to Year 5 and the start of an exciting year of learning ahead of us.

This half-term, our geography topic is 'Why do oceans matter?', which will take us on a journey across the five oceans, considering why they are important and ways in which we can protect them.

In English, we will be exploring the books, '*Greta and the Giants*' and '*Wild is the Wind*' from which we will create our own environment narratives and a biography.

In science, we will study forces and how objects are affected by different forces, including: gravity, air and water resistance as well as working scientifically to investigate the effect of levers, pulleys and simple machines on movement.

Enhancing our learning and promoting a love of reading



During this half-term, we will share *Greta and the Giant* and *Wild is the Wind*.

This inspiring picture book retells the story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg—the Swedish teenager who has led a global movement to raise awareness about the world's climate crisis—using allegory to make this important topic accessible to children.

Wild is the Wind by Grahame Baker-Smith follows the journey of a girl named Cassi and a swift bird, exploring the powerful and varied effects of wind around the globe. The book features stunning illustrations and tells parallel stories of migratory habits and the natural world.

Homework

Homework is given every Friday and is to be handed in by the following Thursday:

- The homework tasks are English, spelling and Mathematics.
- Spellings are set weekly and tested on Friday; these focus on the statutory spellings and spelling rules from the National Curriculum for Years 5 that the children have been learning in school.
- Reading: we encourage all the children to read **at least 5 times a week** and discuss what they have read with an adult. This should then be recorded in their Accelerated Reader Reading Record. Please discuss new vocabulary with your child and record these words in the Reading Record.
- All children can access myON, an online platform giving them access to digital books, with their individual login, which can be obtained from the class teacher if needed. <https://www.myon.co.uk/> A myON user guide is available on the school website in Class Pages.
- Times Tables Rockstars is an online platform that enables the practice of times tables in a fun way - <https://ttrockstars.com/>
- The children also have access to My Maths <https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login> for additional practise.

P.E.

P.E. will be taught by our sports coach Mr Moon or their class teacher. P.E. for **5BL is on Monday and Wednesday**. P.E. for **5AN is on Monday and Friday**.

It is important that the children come to school in their P.E. kit on these days. This needs to include an outdoor kit, which is joggers, sweatshirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls.

Health & Safety reminder: Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery to be worn during P.E. lessons; if earrings cannot be removed, they require taping over (tape must be provided from home).

Water:

It is important that the children have a reusable water bottle in school each day so they can stay hydrated and able to concentrate. The children have access to fresh water so they can refill their bottle as needed.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 2nd September - Pastoral/SEND Surgery 8:35am to 9:00am

Tuesday 1st September – Meet the teacher 3:05pm to 3:30pm

Tuesday 8th September - International Literacy Day

Thursday 24th – Tuesday 29th September - Travelling Book Fair

Friday 26th September – European languages day

Tuesday 13th October - Harvest Festival – 10:00am at St Simon & St Jude Church Y2-6

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October- parents/carers evening

Keep looking at our website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to telephone or email the school office.