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 Second Half-Term
TEACHERS: Mr Nijjer and Mr Linstead

Welcome back to school and to an exciting half-term of learning.

This term, our history topic will lead our learning as we explore life in Tudor England, discovering what Henry VIII was really like and investigating the reasons behind his six marriages. Our learning journey will also take us into space, where we will develop our understanding of the solar system, explore why we experience day and night, and learn why the appearance of the moon changes over time.

In Design and Technology, we will begin preparing for Christmas, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas service at church as we celebrate together at the end of a busy and enjoyable term.

Enhancing our learning and promoting a love of reading



During this half-term, we will share the book, '*When We Walked on the Moon' by David Long.*

"When I first looked back at the Earth, standing on the surface of the Moon, I cried." This book tells the story of the Apollo Missions, when incredible intelligence, engineering and bravery allowed humans to stand on the surface of something other than Earth for the very first time. From the 1969 first moon landing to the amazing rescue of Apollo 13, each chapter tells the story of a different mission.

Using this beautiful book as inspiration, and the skills and knowledge we have learnt so far, we shall write a

Homework

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

- The homework tasks are English, spelling and maths.
- Spellings are set weekly and tested on Friday; these focus on the statutory spellings and spelling rules from the National Curriculum for Years 5/6 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 Wednesday (P.E and swimming)** and **5AN is on Wednesday (swimming) and Friday (P.E).**

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.

This term, year 5 will be starting to swim on **Wednesday 28th October 2026**. Please can children come to school in their PE kit. They are free to wear their swimming kit under their PE kit if that would make them more comfortable. Otherwise, they will be able to get changed at the leisure centre. For their swimming kit, they will need: goggles, swimming cap and towel. Unfortunately, we will not have time to shower so there is no requirement for shampoo/soap etc.

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 27th October – Whole school photographs
Wednesday 28th October - Wednesday 2nd December - Y5 Swimming
Friday 13th November – Year 5 Class assembly
Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week
Thursday 19th November- Parents/Carers maths session 8:45am-9:05am
Thursday 27th November – Christmas Fair 2:30pm – 4pm
Friday 11th December- Pantomime -Beauty and the Beast/Christmas jumper day 1:45pm
Tuesday 15th December- Church service at St Simon and St Jude

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.