

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

December 2025



## HALF TERMLY UPDATE

We enjoyed another exciting half-term filled with engaging learning opportunities for the children.

In French, pupils developed their language skills by learning all about shopping, including useful vocabulary and conversational phrases they could apply in real-life situations.

In computing, they explored databases, discovering how information can be organised, stored, and searched effectively.

In geography, the children travelled the world through their studies, learning about the features, climates, and wildlife of deserts across the globe. They also delved into the incredible story of Scott of the Antarctic, gaining insight into his expeditions, the challenges he faced, and the legacy he left behind.

In art, pupils focused on portraiture, studying different techniques and styles used by artists before creating their own expressive portraits.

It was a creative and inspiring half-term, and we were delighted to see the children's enthusiasm and achievements as they explored these varied topics.

The Year 5 team.

## This half-term, Year 5 have enjoyed:

- ★ Portraiture in art
- ★ Finding out about deserts in Geography
- ★ Having a fire safety workshop

## NEXT HALF-TERM

Next half term, Year 5 will be exploring a rich selection of exciting topics designed to spark curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

In science, the children will be investigating forces, carrying out practical experiments, which will help them develop important scientific skills, while having plenty of fun along the way.

In RE, pupils will be learning about Islam, gaining insight into its beliefs, practices, and significance for millions of people worldwide. As part of this unit, the children will have the wonderful opportunity to visit the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking.

Our history lessons will take us back to the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. From democracy and mythology to philosophy and art, pupils will explore the Greeks' incredible achievements and lasting influence.

With so many engaging learning experiences planned, it promises to be a vibrant and inspiring start to the new year for our Year 5 learners.

## P.E. LESSONS NEXT HALF TERM:

**CEDAR: MONDAY (PE) AND FRIDAY (SWIMMING)**

**BEECH: TUESDAY (PE) AND FRIDAY (PE)**

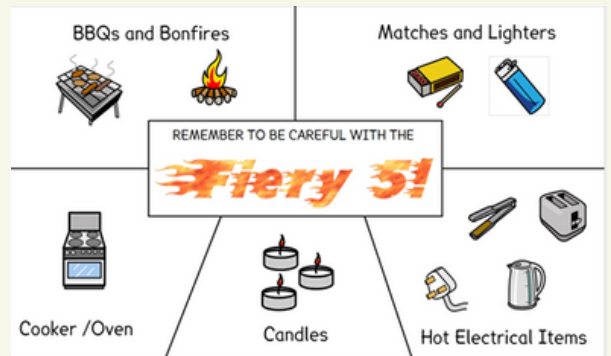
**ROWAN: MONDAY (SWIMMING) , WEDNESDAY (PE)**



# THIS HALF-TERM

## FIRE SAFETY WORKSHOP

We were lucky to have 2 ladies from Surrey Fire and Rescue to talk to us about the importance of fire safety. We learnt that if you have a clothing fire, you should 'stop, drop and roll' to remove the oxygen and stop the flames. We also learnt about the 'Firey 5'






Imogen and Alice (Cedar class)

## PORTRAITS FROM BEECH CLASS



## SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS ON CONDUCTORS AND INSULATORS

WALT: plan a fair experiment

Target Vocabulary	Definition
 insulator	Insulators are materials which do not allow <u>heat or electrical current</u> to flow through them easily.
 conductor	Conductors are materials which allow <u>heat or electrical current</u> to flow through them easily.
 fair test	A fair test is a <u>scientific experiment</u> where you make sure that only one thing ( <u>variable</u> ) is being tested at a time. This means keeping everything else the same.

I predict that the material that will be the best insulator will be bubble wrap because it is made of plastic and plastic doesn't allow heat or electricity to flow through.

I predict that the material that will be the worst insulator will be cling film because it is very thin plastic.

Izzy (Rowan) class)

## Theatre Trip

Year 5 have been invited to watch the Winston Churchill School performance of The Addams Family musical on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking. If you would be able to help by accompanying the children in walking there at 10:15am, watching the show and walking back, please contact the school office.



## KEY DATES NEXT HALF TERM:

### JAN

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> : Return to school, 8:30am  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> : Trip to the Shah Jahan Mosque (Woking)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> : Meeting for parents about the Winchester Science Museum overnight trip, 6pm  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> : INSET Day

### FEB

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> : Trip to the Rhoda McGaw theatre (Woking)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> : Last day before half-term break. School finishes at the usual time, 15:10.  
15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> : Half term

Dates for your diary:

27<sup>th</sup> February: Beech class assembly

6<sup>th</sup> March: Rowan class assembly (this is a change to the previously advertised date).

13<sup>th</sup> March: Cedar class assembly