



Year 5 Newsletter

September 2011

Important Dates

26th September
Individual Photographs

17th - 21st October
Parent/ Teacher meetings week

21st October
Harvest Festival

24th - 28th October
Half-term

8th & 9th November
Visit to Speke Hall

5th & 6th December
Visit to Walker Art Gallery

8th December
Non-uniform day

9th December
School Development Day

10th December
Christmas Fair

12th & 13th December
Christmas Show

14th December
Christmas Lunch

Autumn Term 2011

Dear Parent / Guardian

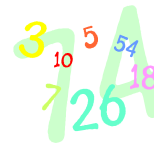
Welcome to Year 5. We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer break and that your child has settled into the new classes quickly. We are looking forward to a successful term.

During the Autumn Term our regular daily lessons in **Literacy** will continue as in previous years. This will involve studying both non-fiction and fiction texts, including a study of the book 'The Secret Garden,' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The children will be engaged in a variety of literacy activities connected with these texts.



In **Mathematics** we will teach strategies to improve mental arithmetic skills and cover the topics laid out in the Year 5 Numeracy Framework.

This will include place value, the four rules of number, money, fractions and data handling.



We will continue to use the school's reward system to encourage children's knowledge of multiplication facts and would welcome your continuing assistance.

Science this term includes work on Materials, Forces and Sound. The children will be involved in a variety of exciting investigations.



In **ICT**, children will be given the opportunity to work in the suite to enhance their skills through the use of the internet and Publisher.



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Important Dates (continued)

14th December
Christmas Discos

15th December
Christmas parties

16th December
Visiting Theatre
Company

16th December
School closes for
Christmas



Within **History** this term we will study 'Life in the Tudor Times'. This will include a visit to Speke Hall to look at the Tudor building and its grounds.



In other curriculum areas the children will study:

- Designing and making a musical instrument in **D.T.**
- **Music** related to the Tudors.
- Islam in **R.E.**
- Tudor architecture and portraits in **Art** which will be supported by a trip to the Walker Art Gallery.
- Invasion Games and gymnastics in **P.E.**

Extra-Curricular Activities

During the Autumn Term, the following clubs will be available for the children in Year 5 to join:

During School	After School
Tag Rugby	Choir
Cross Country	Dance
Football	Tennis
Homework	
Art	

Targets

This term your child will receive individual targets in reading, writing and maths. We would be grateful if you could assist us in helping them to achieve their targets. Your help would also be very much appreciated in school, particularly with hearing children read. If you are able to offer any assistance, please contact us through your child.

Homework

The children will be given homework on Fridays of each week for the following Wednesday. It will be recorded in their homework diaries. We ask for your assistance in commenting and signing the diaries and in ensuring that work is handed in on the appropriate day. A spelling list will be given each Friday to be learnt for the following Friday. Linked spelling strategies will be taught within Literacy but help from home would also be extremely beneficial.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs C. Parkin

Mrs V. Collins

Miss K. Browse

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