Year 5

Autumn 2 – Journey to Jo'burg
2026-2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this term is:
Journey to Jo'burg. This term we are learning about the history of apartheid in South Africa as well as inspirational leaders, like Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. We will be learning about African animals, cities, towns and people from across the continent but mainly focussing on South Africa. We will be planning journeys across the country using maps and atlases.

Literacy	Stories from Other Cultures (Journey to Jo'burg) Biographies
Speaking and listening	Expressing views and opinions, giving and justifying reasons
Numeracy	Multiplication & Division, Decimals & Fractions,
Science	Living things & habitats: Animal reproduction and life cycles, Plant reproduction
ICT-Computers	Coding & Programming
PE and Sport	BADU
Art and DT	Collage/Print: Repeated motifs African Textile Print
Religious Education	What would Jesus do? Can people live by the values of Jesus?
Music	Learning how to play a stringed instrument (cello / violin)
PSHE	Celebrating Differences

Class Assembly Days to be announced:

Year 5 Assemblies will be in Spring Term

Trips this term:
Possible trips might include:

- London Wetlands Centre. Emerald Class:18th November 2026. Jade Class: 19th November 2026
- Pantomime at Hackney Empire on Tuesday 1st December 2026

Reminders

PE days:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

PE kits must be worn for all PE lessons. It is essential that your child brings in a change of clothes and trainers. Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit on Monday and takes it home after PE to be washed along with their swimming costume and towel.

Jewellery: Children must not wear any jewellery on the days when P.E takes place. On other days the only jewellery permitted is a single stud in each ear for girls.

Homework

Children are expected to read every day and complete their reading logs daily. Reading logs and spelling homework are due every Wednesday.

Please try to support your child with their learning at home, as homework is given to reinforce the work your child is doing at school. Project homework suggestions can be found in their project books.

You can support your child's learning by taking every opportunity to practise their number bonds and times tables, for example when walking home or in the supermarket. Please refer to maths home learning sheet for more ideas.