



Term 1 2026

Year 5

Newsletter



Welcome to Year 5. We are looking forward to working with your children and we are so excited for the year ahead.

In mathematics this term, we will be recapping and extending our understanding of place value. This will include comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000, rounding large numbers and recognising and using Roman Numerals. Later in the term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction.

In English this term, we will be thinking about how to carefully choose words to impact the reader - our medium for this will be writing setting descriptions. In the latter part of the term, we will be thinking about how to disagree constructively - how to oppose someone politely when having a debate. We will be discussing the books that we love to read and ensuring that we can access and understand texts.

In topic this term, we will be learning about significant achievements in the Early Islamic Empire. We will acquire historical vocabulary and use it to make comparisons between life in the Early Islamic Empire and Anglo-Saxon Britain (among other activities).

In science this term, we will be carrying out experiments to test our understanding of 'states of matter'. We will be investigating what happens to solids, liquids and gases when frozen, melted and separated - and recording our findings in a scientific manner.

In music, we will be focusing on starting to learn to play the fife. We will also be learning and practising our harvest songs.

In PE, we will be developing our skills and fitness levels, honing our football skills and working on balance and agility in gymnastics.

In RE, we will be exploring the different ideas that people have about God.

In art/DT, we will be taking inspiration from Islamic designs to design and make our own mosaics.

In PSHE, we will be recognising what constitutes positive, healthy relationships and developing the skills to form them. We will also be exploring what positively and negatively affects our physical, mental and emotional health.

In French, we will be learning how to talk about pets.

In ICT, we will be learning how to work with PowerPoint, including formatting backgrounds, slide transitions, copy and paste functions and using animations.

Please note the **new school uniform** policy. It is designed to ensure that there is no need to wear different uniform on PE days. **Shoes should be entirely black trainers.** We have seen some children are wearing smart shoes. If this is the case, could you please ensure that your child wears plain black trainers on PE days. Thank you.

For more information about what your child is learning this term, please visit::

<https://cliftonvilleprimaryschool.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum-1/>

HOMEWORK

<u>Homework task</u>	<u>Day of the week set</u>	<u>Day of the week to be completed</u>
Reading at home a minimum of three times a week	Please ensure that your child writes in their reading record whenever they read.	
Weekly spellings	Monday	Test on a Friday
Weekly Century Maths	At least half an hour per week.	

Home Learning Project

Your child has a choice between two projects. They can take it in any direction they like - they could write, draw, design, make, cook or calculate!

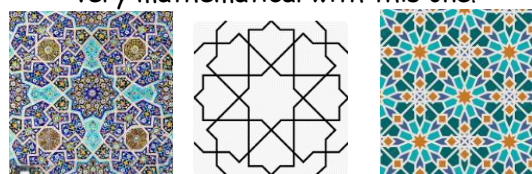
States of Matter

Find a way to demonstrate the differences in solids, liquids and gases.



Early Islamic Empire

Design an Islamic-inspired mosaic. You could get very mathematical with this one!



Next week, your child will have their new ZPD. This will help them to find a book at the appropriate level, but the most important thing is that they find a book that they love and really want to engage with. It is **SO** crucial for their progress through primary school and into Year 7 that they read at home **AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK**. If you can listen to them, that is great. If not, they can read to themselves, the cat, the goldfish, their siblings...

They will have an individualised reading target that is achievable if they read at least 20 minutes three times a week.

They also have their login details for Century Maths. We expect at least half an hour of this every week.

Dates for your diary

PE: Please remember that the new uniform policy means that there is no need to change clothing on a PE day. If your child is still wearing the old-style school uniform, please ensure they wear plain black trainers on PE days: **5B (Miss Amato) and 5W (Mr Dyett) - Monday and Friday**

5J (Mr Neve) and 5K (Miss Taylor) - Monday and Wednesday

Tuesday 8th September @ 2:45

Come and See

Monday 28th September

Flu immunisations in school

Friday 2nd October

School Photo Day

Week beginning Monday 5th October

After School Clubs start for years 1-6

Monday 12th October

5J Visit to ARK, Cliftonville (more information to follow)

Friday 16th October @ 9:00 Courage Hall

5K and 5W Parent Assembly

Monday, 19th October

Home learning projects in

Friday, 23rd October

Last day of term

Monday, 2nd November

First day of Term 2