

Welcome to Year 5

Spring Term 2026



Happy New Year to you all and we are looking forward to a very exciting term in Year 5 with lots going on. Please find below useful dates and information about this term. We look forward to meeting you again at the Parent Open Evenings at the end of term and we value your continued support with reading, learning times tables and homework. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via email.

Class Teachers	5AC Mrs Alcock (debbie.alcock@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk) Mon-Weds 5AC Mrs Chamberlain (sarah.chamberlain@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk) Weds-Fri 5G Miss Garbett (freya.garbett@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk)
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Rogerson, Miss Hallett and Mrs Donovan
Important Dates	Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February Half Term Holiday Parents Evenings 16th and 18th March Chinese New Year Celebrations w.b. 23rd February
Homework	Reading: at least 4 times a week Spellings: handed out on a Thursday for a test the next Thursday Homework is handed out every Thursday to be handed in the following Wednesday (this is usually practise of maths that we have covered in class). In Year 5, it is expected that children know all times tables up to 12×12 . Times Tables Rockstars is a great way of developing speedy recall and confidence.
Home School Diary	Please encourage your child to bring this to school daily as it is a great way of recording their reading. Children really benefit from lots of reading at home including being read to.
PE	5AC Tuesday and Thursday / 5G Tuesday and Friday Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week . Year 5 are developing skills in gymnastics and dance as well as learning yoga and volleyball.
English	Our focus is action and suspense writing and we are learning the story of Beowulf. We will be practicing techniques such as powerful verbs, show not tell, personification and slowing down the action. We will also read Malamander by Thomas Taylor as our class story.
Maths	Children will continue to work on calculations with fractions. We then learn formal multiplication and division strategies until half term. After this, children will be learning about area, perimeter and decimals. Rapid recall of all times tables, up to 12×12, is <u>vital</u> in order to fully access the curriculum - please ensure that your child is practicing regularly.
History	Our History topic is the Ancient Egyptians . Using chronology and a range of sources of evidence, we will investigate this fascinating period of ancient history and discover the significant achievements of this enduring civilization.
Science	Children will be investigating materials , their properties, how they change and ways in which they can be separated using dissolving, filtering and evaporation.
Computing	Developing our skills in PowerPoint , we will create an exciting multimedia presentation for a specific audience to describe the wonders of Ancient Egyptian times.
Art	Using clay techniques, we will design and create a very realistic eye of a monster!
PSHE	Our Jigsaw topics are Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me . We will discuss what jobs children would like to do when they are older and how to keep screen time healthy and positive.
RE	We will be finding out about the beliefs of Islam and what life is like for Muslim families.
French/Music	French will be taught by Mrs Alcock and music by Mrs Brown on Fridays .