

Welcome to Year 5



A very warm welcome to all parents and carers of children in Year 5. We are sure your child is going to have a wonderful year with us. Please find below lots of useful information about the new term. If you have any questions or if there is anything you are unsure about please don't hesitate to contact us via email. We are looking forward to working closely with you and your child and we value your continued support.

Class Teachers	5AT Mrs Alcock - debbie.alcock@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk (Monday - Tuesday) 5AT - Mrs Tindsley - clare.tindsley@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk (Wednesday - Friday) 5G Miss Garbett - freya.garbett@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Sykes-Ellis and Mrs Donovan
Homework	Reading: at least 4 times a week Spellings: handed out on a Friday for a test the following Thursday Homework: A piece of work will be handed out on Friday to be handed in by the following Thursday Times Tables Rockstars: Regular times tables practice, little and often, always helps
Reading	Your child has a new Home School Diary to record their reading in. Please encourage a wide-range of reading (comics, fact books, recipes, poems and of course stories) and sign to show this. Please help your child to look after their diary and bring it into school every day .
PE	5AT & 5G Tuesday PE kits need to be in school all week. Children will develop skills in basketball.
English	We will be reading portal stories, including Harry Potter, and will investigate different settings where characters are transported to another world. Children will then write their own stories using effective openings, endings and a change of setting . Four days a week there will be a dedicated reading session focusing on the teaching of comprehension skills through a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
Maths	We will cover place value of numbers up to 1 million which will include reading and writing numbers, comparing, ordering and rounding. We will also practise the formal methods of column addition and subtraction up to six-digit numbers.
Geography	Our first Geography topic will be exploring the wonders of plate tectonics, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes . We will investigate where they are in the world, how they are formed and their impact on humans.
Science	This half term, our topic is forces where we will see them in action through a range of practical experiments. Next half term, we will explore the wonders of space and the incredible solar system .
Computing	We will be using Scratch to design, write and debug programmes using computer-coding knowledge in the first half term. After half term, we will be developing our graphical drawing skills.
Art	We will explore a variety of paint techniques and create stunning rockets in space while learning about Peter Thorpe and what influenced his abstract art ideas.
PSHE	Our PSHE topics this term are Being Me in My World and Celebrating Differences . These themes are explored in weekly Jigsaw lessons and through whole school assemblies.
RE	This half term we will be Exploring Values and finding out what is important to us. We will discuss the principles for living from a variety of religions, explore guidelines at home and school and see how our choices impact our behaviour and our community.
French/Music	French will be taught by Mrs Alcock and music by Mrs Brown on Fridays .