THE RADSTONE Primary School

HAWKSMOOR Learning Trust
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Autumn Term
Year Five Newsletter

Meet the Team

Mrs Rigby (Class Teacher)
Mrs Brawn (Class Teacher)
Mrs Jacobs (Teaching Assistant)
Miss Amy Lloyd-Turner (Teaching Assistant)

Other Staff

Mrs P Harwood (Headteacher)
Miss S Matthews (Deputy Head)
Mrs J Keites (PE)
Mrs K Fulford (Art)

Key Dates

Wednesday 16th -Friday 18th September – Aylmerton Residential

Friday 25th September – Swimming starts

Monday 28th - Tuesday 29th September – Individual and Sibling photos

Thursday 22nd October – Harvest Festival

Wednesday 7th October – Young Shakespeare Company workshop.

Friday 23rd October – INSET DAY

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd November + Thursday 5th November – Parents' Evenings

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to you all at the beginning of an exciting year at The Radstone Primary School. The first few weeks are about establishing routines and timetables and getting to know the children. Some children take time to settle as they move into the upper end of the school, and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 5 team. We look forward to an eventful and exciting year ahead.

Subject Overviews

English: In English this term, we will be covering a range of fiction and non-fiction writing. Firstly, we will be writing a coast setting description as well as devising a non-chronological report comparing the coastline of Norfolk to California. Our Aylmerton trip will be helpful with these topics. After half term, we will be using our topic of Ancient Egypt to support us in writing a diary entry from the perspective of Howard Carter and to write a biography of the life of Tutankhamun.

Maths: In Maths this term, we will be focusing on number by revising and revisiting the children's understanding of place value before focusing on addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division. The aim of this term is to develop their fluency with number and to improve their reasoning and problem-solving skills at an appropriate level. Consolidation of their basic skills is a key area this term as this will build their confidence as we move forward throughout the year; therefore, we ask that the children are regularly practising their times tables and corresponding division facts for rapid recall while at home to aid them in this.

Science: This half term in we will study forces, this includes gravity, air and water resistance and we finish by creating and testing different mechanisms such as pulleys. After half term, the children will learn about the properties of materials. We will be analysing their properties and hypothesizing a material's suitability for different purposes. We will experiment whether materials are magnetic, conductors, dissolvable and whether changes to their properties are reversible or irreversible.

French: The children will start by really honing their 'language detective' skills by using authentic texts to build a bank of vocabulary about different animals. They will then design their own monsters and will describe them by creating a fact-file of essential information about them. After half-term, Year 5 will then be going into space! The children will be learning about the planets, the solar system and the galaxy in French and making guesses as to what life on an alien planet would be like. Mrs Fanthorpe is looking forward to watching the children progress after such a good start in Year 4.

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Monday 23rd November – Children's flu immunisations

Friday 4th December – Last swim of this term.

Thursday 17th December – Brass Band visit

Homework

Home learning projects
Projects are due in the Friday after each half term holiday. These dates are the 6th November 2026 and the 8th January 2027. Please see Year 5 Home Learning sheet for further details.

Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics

Key Information

PE kit: Please ensure PE kit is sent into school each week. Our PE days are **Monday and Friday**. Friday is swimming and therefore they will need a swimming kit each week.

Water Bottle: Please can we ask that each child brings a named water bottle into school each day.

Our Golden Rules

Be ready

Be respectful

Be safe

Computing: This half term, we will be looking at quizzing, this unit introduces children to the process of designing and creating interactive quizzes using Purple Mash's 2Quiz tool. Through exploring question types, adding creative features, and debugging, children will develop their technical skills and creativity while producing engaging quizzes for others to enjoy.

Art: In the art room this term, the children will be developing their drawing and painting skills. The children will explore the art of Ancient Egypt. They will be using their sketchbooks to plan and collect ideas and they will be working individually and collaboratively to create detailed drawings and paintings inspired by their learning in history. Later in the term, the children will be exploring the impressionist artist Claude Monet and will work collaboratively to create large scale paintings.

Humanities: The first half of term we will be focusing on Geography and the topic of 'Coasts'. Throughout this unit we will focus on weathering and erosion, the changing of coastlines, boundaries and landscapes and what the future holds, linking with our field trip to Aylmerton. After half term, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt in History. We will be looking in depth at the hierarchy of ancient Egyptian society and the ways of like for individuals of different statuses. In addition, we will learn about how they sustained that way of life in such a harsh environment and the lasting effect on future civilisations around the world.

Health and Wellbeing: Across this term, we will focus on 'Me and my relationships'. This includes discussions around conflict resolution, what makes a good friend, how to be assertive, positive communication, and our emotions.

Religion and Worldviews: Before the October half-term, we will learn about worldviews. We will look at whether world views are fixed or can be changed and what affects or impacts our world views. We will also reflect on the different world views within our community. After half-term, continue our learning of Hinduism, building on what we have learnt in year 3 and 4. We will be looking into the role and impact of the Mandir on the lives of Hindus and the local community in our area and around the world.

PE: Year 5 will have PE lessons on a Thursday morning and will swim on a Friday morning this term. Swimming will start on Friday 25th September.

Leadership: Year 5 will learn to develop and demonstrate leadership skills by taking turns to lead activities, such as warm-ups, games, and cool-downs, within their PE lessons and during playtime. Key skills focused on include communication, adaptability, and safety, fostering teamwork, confidence, and encouraging participation.

Football: After half term, Year 5 will improve their ability to send and receive a ball under pressure. They will be able to communicate, use space and work with a team to move the ball towards the goal. They will understand some basic principle of attack and defence.