

Year Five Spring term 2026 *Happy New Year!*

READING

Reading comprehension skills are vital to your child's ongoing success in learning. We will continue to send library books home. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible **EVERY** night from a range of genres. Thank you for your support.

In school we will continue to monitor this and develop your child's reading fluency and comprehension skills. It is vital that children in Year 5 read every night.

MATHEMATICS

We continue to follow the White Rose Maths curriculum. Children need to be able to recall multiplication facts to 12 X 12 (and beyond) quickly and accurately.

The TT Rockstars app and 'Monster Multiplication' on Purple Maths help your child to practise these skills. 'Mad Minutes' times tables can also be downloaded from the Year 5 folder on Purple Mash for additional challenge.

SPELLINGS

The children are taught spellings using a systematic spelling programme – Read Write Inc. Spelling. This includes exception words and homophones. The full list of this year's spellings along with tricky Orange words is available to download and print from the Year 5 folder on Purple Mash. This can then be stuck on the fridge door or up on their bedroom wall for them to learn!

A spelling list will be sent home weekly which your children are expected to learn.

- **IDL is set for some children. Access to the app will be sent home as appropriate.**

If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Mrs. Wilson.

HOMEWORK

Many parents wish to support their child's learning at home. This term I will be setting one additional challenge a week on a **Friday**. This will complement the learning that has taken place in class. Should you wish to support your child's learning at home then please ensure this is completed and handed in **by the following Friday**.

- Reading every night
 - Daily TT Rockstars
 - Spelling list
- + Weekly Challenge**

WATER

Your child may bring water in a NAMED sports bottle. These should be filled at home and taken home each night to be washed and cleaned. Children, can of course, refill them during the day at school.

SWIMMING (P.E.) on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

Lessons will take place at Darwen Leisure Centre. On this day, the children must remember their swimming kit and should come to school wearing their school polo shirt, school sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and trainers. Please also remember a warm coat!

