



Year 5

Just To Let You Know

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous, FLUFFY end to a great half term - and the weather even held for our cross country!

The children have enjoyed a highly successful half term and have already made noticeable progress in both their writing and maths. Alongside their academic development, they have demonstrated an increasing sense of maturity and responsibility.

Next term we will start out 'Tower Through Time' topic where we look closely at British History from the time of the building of the Tower of London onwards. We will launch our topic with our trip to the Tower on Thursday 5th November. The children will need a packed lunch and a raincoat for this trip, as much of the day is outside.

In 5JH class, Helen is looking for some volunteers to help walk children to and from RGS school on Friday 6th November. We leave around 9am and return from RGS at 2.30pm. If you could help either for one journey or stay the whole day, please let Helen know (helenc@htpd.surrey.sch.uk).

Thank you and have a super half term and a well-deserved rest!

Team 5—Kayleigh, Scarlett, JJ and Helen

Maths

In maths, we have been looking at factor fish to help with our understanding of multiples, factors and primes. Next half term, we will be looking at multiplication, starting with multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.

English

Next term, we will be looking at an abridged story of Macbeth by William Shakespeare, which ties in beautifully with our history topic work.

Science

Now that our Material Matters topic has come to an end, we consolidated our learning by writing a short conclusion about the importance of understanding materials and their properties. The children demonstrated a secure understanding of how different properties make materials suitable for different purposes.

Geography and MFL

In geography, we have completed fieldwork sketch maps of Pewley Meadow and Cline Road, and have looked at pie charts and their usefulness in analysing statistics.

Personal information	Numbers 1-10	Numbers 11-20
		
Days/months	Classroom commands	Classroom objects
		

Links for these games:

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Spelling/Phonics

Have a look at the spellings we have covered this term and ask your child about different ways they could learn their spellings. We will not have spellings to learn over the half term break.

Please do still encourage children to continue to record their reading in their reading record. We look forward to seeing the great reading they will have done once they are back in school.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 19th October -Friday 30th October: Half term for the children (staff INSET training 19th/20th)

Thursday 5th November: Tower of London (4:30pm return) (School uniform and packed lunch)

Friday 6th November: 5JH RGS trip (School uniform and packed lunch)

Friday 20th November: 5K RGS trip (School uniform and packed lunch)

Friday 27th November: 5S RGS trip (School uniform and packed lunch)

Tuesday 24th November: Flu Vaccinations (Pre-booking online)

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December: Play week

Thursday 17th December: Church Service

Friday 18th December: Last day of term (early finish)

Homework Schedule

Day	Handed out	Taken in	Spelling
Monday		Reading Record	
Tuesday	Reading Record		Spelling Test Introduce new Spelling
Wednesday	English or Maths	English or Maths	