Year 5

Just To Let You Know

6th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have started the new half-term with enthusiasm and eagerness. The trip to The Tower of London was wonderful and all the children asked interesting questions, showing off their already vast knowledge of medieval Britain. This was a fantastic launch to our exciting new history topic, 'Tower through Time' made even more special by how polite and thoughtful the children were while walking around.

Team 5

Maths

In maths, children learnt what prime, square and cube numbers are. Have a go at asking the children if they can tell you the difference. Next week, we will be exploring division and moving onto fractions. We would encourage children to look back at their times-table in preparation for this work.

English

For English, children have been performing scenes from Shakespeare's Scottish play; 'Macbeth'. We have met the peculiar witches this week and hypothesised how they might be involved in the story.

History

In history we have launched our new topic – 'Tower through Time' and we will be exploring the Viking era first. We will be trying to understand the shifts of power across the seven Kingdoms of Britain and the fight to rule them.

Spelling/Phonics

The gerund: ing

This week we have looked at the spelling rule for adding -ed or -ing to the end of a word.

If a short, one-syllable word has one vowel followed by one consonant at the end, double the last letter before adding -ed or -ing.

- hop ➜ hopped, hopping
- run ➜ running (past tense is irregular: *ran*)
- stop ➜ stopped, stopping

Two big exceptions to the doubling rule:

- Do not double the letters w, x, or y (e.g., *fix* → *fixing*, *play* → played).
- Do not double if there are two vowels before the consonant (e.g., *beep* → beeped) or two consonants at the end (e.g., *pack* → packed)

Spanish

Stage 2 My town your town

Scan2Play pupil-led games sheet

Scan a QR code with a tablet or smartphone to start.



Colours	Classroom commands	Classroom commands (more)
Shops in the town	**Where is/here is + shops**	**Christmas**

Upcoming Dates

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)