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Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2026



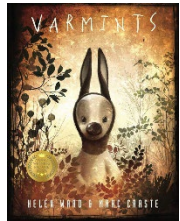
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and we hope you have had a positive start to 2026! We look forward to welcoming the children back to continue developing their knowledge and skills across the various curriculum areas and we hope they will enjoy the coming term.

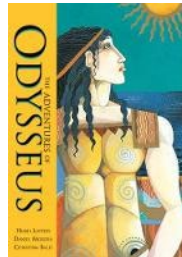
Staffing in Year 5:

Mr. Kightley (Chestnut class teacher)	Mr. Sabir- Lewis (Chestnut class T.A)	Mrs Morgan (SEND support)
Mr. Marchant (Willow class teacher)	Mr Cooper-Tye (Willow class T.A)	

English



In **English**, we will be looking at 'Varmints', a picture book with inspiring illustrations from which we will learn more about creative writing, non-chronological reports and debate. Later on in the term, we will be focusing on a Greek myth using the book 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. Our writing themes will centre on storytelling and we will be writing letters, poems and speeches based on the text. There will continue to be a strong focus on grammar, spelling and reading comprehension embedded in our English lessons.



Maths

In our **Maths** lessons, we will be building on our understanding of fractions as well as deepening our knowledge around multiplication and division. Our main focus at the start of the term will be multiplying 3-digit by 2-digit numbers through long multiplication and teaching the necessary skills for short division.

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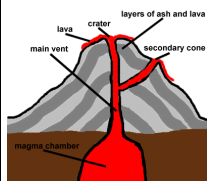
Your child will continue to work on their times tables through our weekly fluency practice and during our Mastering Number fluency lessons. These are



extremely important for this term's maths objectives and children should practise times tables regularly at home using 'Times Tables Rockstars' and 'MyMaths' online.

History and Geography

We will begin **History** this term by looking at the Tudors and using primary and secondary sources to interpret the characteristics of significant people. We will be learning more about Henry VIII, some of his children, as well as life for the average Tudor



person. In **Geography**, we will be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes, building on children's understanding about how and where they occur. We will be looking at the effects of these natural disasters and human reaction and responses.

Science

In **Science**, our topic for this term will be on materials. We will be learning about the properties of different materials and the reversible and irreversible changes which can occur through methods such as dissolving and burning.



During this unit, we will continue to work scientifically and we will undertake experiments to help us ask and answer scientific questions by means of comparative and fair tests.

P.E

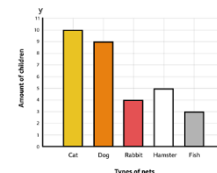
P.E is on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for both Chestnut and Willow Class. The topics we will be looking at this term are: dodgeball, hockey, handball and fitness/yoga.



Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit and earrings are not worn to school on P.E days.

Computing

This term we will be concentrating on databases and vector graphics in our **Computing** lessons. In the first half term, we will be using a database to order data and create charts to answer questions. Afterwards, we will be looking at vector graphics where our lessons will focus on creating images in a drawing program by using layers and groups of objects.



R.E

Our **R.E** topics for this term will be themed around 'God and Faith' and 'Science and Technology'. During the first unit, we will focus on humanism and answer the question: Do all people believe in God? Our second big question will support us in making a judgement to consider if Science is the only way to know things.



Homework

We are asking that you still read with your child at least **3 times a week** to support with comprehension and that you sign their Home Contact Books to show this. The children will have weekly homework tasks to complete in their CGP books; homework is set on a **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**.

We have a range of online resources for children to use at home in order to develop their learning. These logins are all kept at the front of your child's Home Contact Books, but if you require any login details for these sites, please contact your child's class teacher.



Relationships Education & Values

Our new **Relationships Education** topic will be centred around 'Safety and the Changing Body' where we will be discussing how to stay safe and the changes we will experience as we get older. There will continue to be a focus on online safety during this unit, looking at our online reputation and cyber-bullying.

During our weekly class assemblies, we will develop our learning around different topics, including our value of the month, British Values and Growth Mindset. There will also be opportunities for us to discuss current affairs and consider points themed around a question to make our own informed decisions



The Spring term **Values** are:

January – Acceptance

February – Resilience

March – Determination

April - Sustainability

Please remember to regularly visit our class pages on the school website www.ramridge.co.uk and follow us on X [@RamridgePrimary](#) and Facebook.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Kightley and Mr. Marchant.