

# Parent Learning Information

Spring Half Term 2 2026

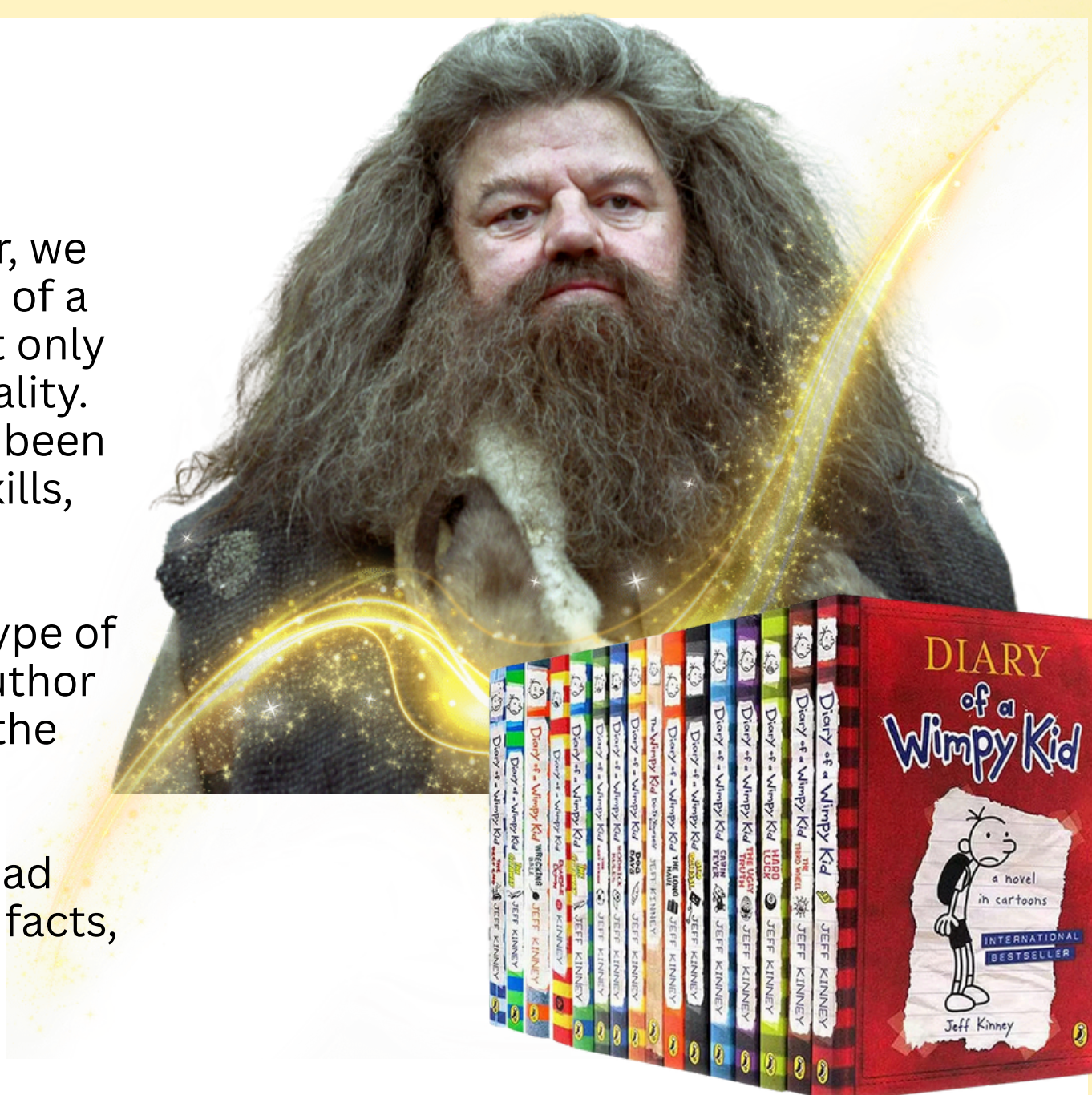
# y5

## Writing Curriculum

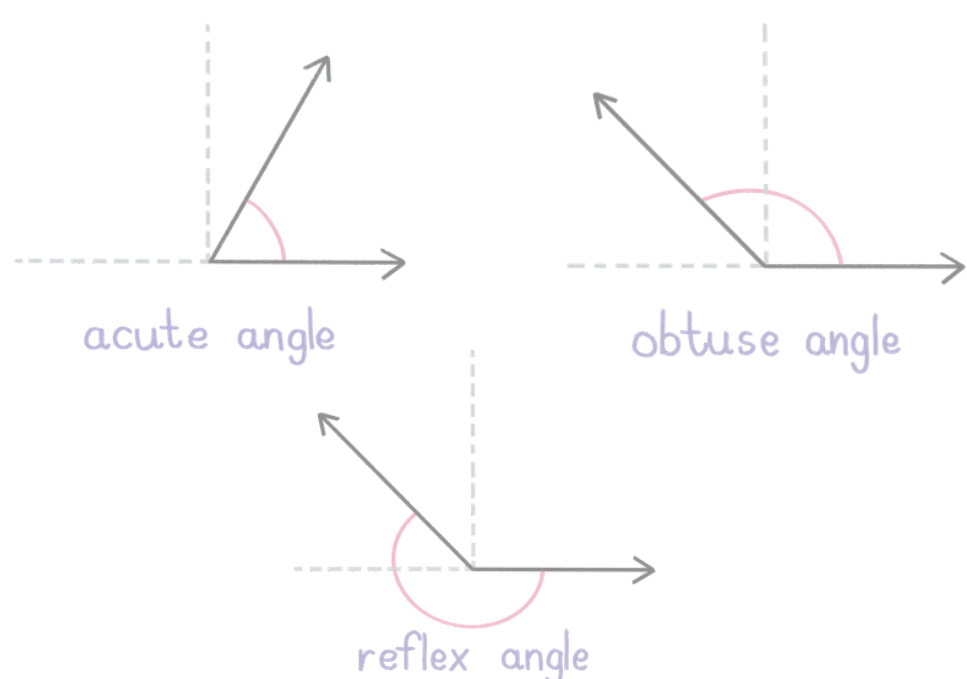
Continuing on from the children's incredible writing this year, we will be beginning the term by writing a character description of a Harry Potter favourite, Rubeus Hagrid. Children will delve not only into the detail of his iconic looks, but also his unique personality. Children will be piecing together many of the skills they have been taught throughout their school life, with some new Year 5 skills, including relative clauses.

Following this unit, children will explore the non-fiction text type of a biography. They will write their own biography about the author and illustrator, Jeff Kinney, who is known as the creator of the famous Diary of a Wimpy Kid books.

We know this is a genre that children particularly love to read themselves, so with a mix of their own research and some key facts, we know they will be thrilled to complete this unit.



## Maths Curriculum



In Maths, children will be developing their understanding of key number and measurement concepts. The children will be learning how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes, classify and measure angles (including acute, obtuse and reflex angles), and find percentages of amounts while understanding the links between fractions, decimals and percentages.

These skills will be developed so the children build both confidence and fluency. Please continue to support your child at home through rehearsing the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

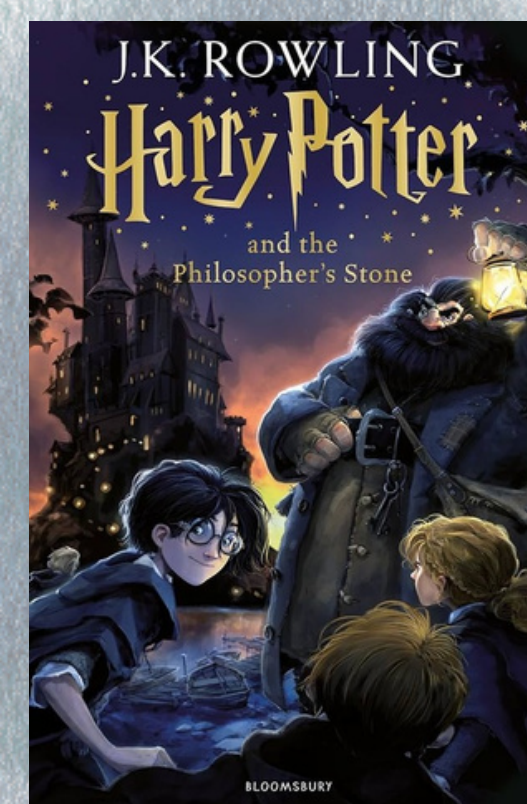
## Reading Curriculum

This half term, the children will continue their class novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. They have shown great enthusiasm and skill in analysing the text so far, and they are excited to continue the story during lessons and class reading sessions.

Throughout the term, pupils will further develop key reading skills: retrieving important information from the text, making inferences about characters and events and exploring and analysing vocabulary to broaden their own word choices.

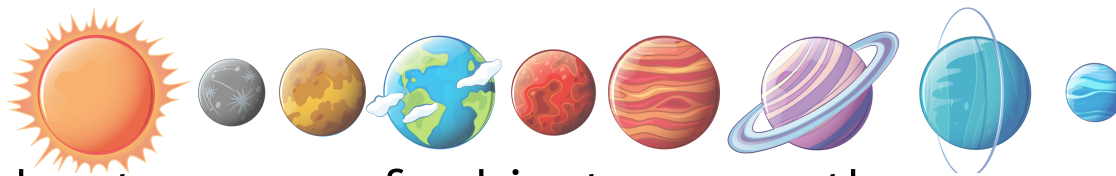
In the final two weeks leading up to the Easter break, the children will move on to a non-fiction text, *Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission*. This text links closely with their current topic on space and will help deepen their understanding of space travel. During this unit, pupils will learn how to summarise information effectively and continue to expand topic-specific vocabulary.

Alongside these core texts, the children will also take part in their regular 'Book Buzz' and 'Poetry' sessions, where they will explore new authors, discover a range of books, and learn and perform poems.



# Wider Curriculum Learning

## Topic - Guardians Of The Galaxy



This term in Year 5, children will be learning about a range of subjects across the curriculum. In Science, they will explore friction and gravity, including how these forces work in space. They will also learn about Sir Isaac Newton, investigate air resistance, and study modern figures involved in space travel. In RE, the children will be learning about places of worship across different religions.



PSHE lessons will be primarily discussion-based and focus on growing responsibilities and the rule of law. In Geography, children will develop their map-reading skills, while in Spanish they will learn vocabulary related to school life. In Computing, children will be learning how to present information in different ways, including using Google Slides.

## Performing Arts - Including Music



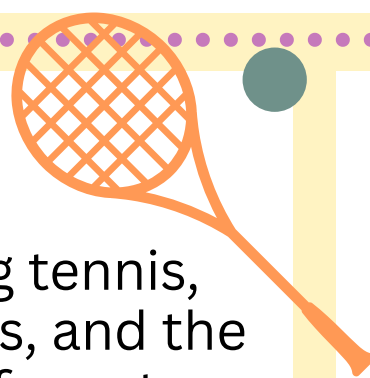
This term year 5 will be continuing down the path of magic and learning all about the hit musical/movie, 'Wicked'.

Children will be pushing their creativity when recreating scenes from the musical and learning how to develop their vocal range when learning the song 'What is this feeling' which we will perform as duets to peers. They will explore the technique of 'Improvisation' and learn how to become a triple threat performer.

## PE

This term in P.E., the children will be learning tennis, practising how to hold a racket, different shots, and the basic rules of the game, including how to referee to develop confidence and teamwork.

They will also take part in the fun, team-based game Danish longball, which helps improve hitting, kicking, and throwing skills while encouraging cooperation and communication. These activities support coordination, confidence, and a positive attitude towards staying active.



## Forest School

This term in Forest School, the children will be learning about a variety of tools and how we safely use them. We will be preparing areas in Forest School ready for spring planting.

The children will be independently identifying flora and fauna that we can see at this time of year with the seasons changing. They will be gaining confidence in each lesson.



## Art



This term, Year 5 children will continue to explore the magical world of Harry Potter through a variety of visual art forms. They will create character portraits, enchanted creatures, magical objects, and spellbinding landscapes while learning contemporary and modern art techniques.

The topic encourages creativity, self-expression, and experimentation with materials, textures, and colour. Children will study a range of modern artists, adapting their styles to bring the wizarding world to life.



## Homework Expectations!



Read at least three times a week at home.

Regular reading helps to build fluency, confidence, and understanding. Please listen to your child read and discuss the story with them to support comprehension.

Practise and learn the weekly spelling list. Spellings are sent home each week and are tested every Friday. Frequent short practice sessions will help your child remember and apply these spellings in their writing.

Practise times tables using TT Rockstars at least three times a week. Regular practice supports quick recall and builds strong number skills, helping children feel more confident.

## PE & Forest School



### Brasilia

PE Days - Tuesday and Wednesday  
Forest School - Every Other Monday -  
W/C 12<sup>th</sup> January

### Cape Town

PE Days - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Forest School - Every Other Thursday -  
W/C 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Havana

PE Days - Monday and Wednesday  
Forest School - Every Other Thursday -  
W/C 12<sup>th</sup> January

