

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1A

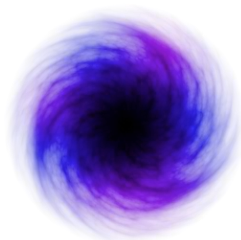
Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed the holidays and had a well-earned rest! Back to it now, hopefully you are refreshed and ready for another great year!

The Year 5 class teacher is **Mr Warrilow**  
The class will also be supported by **Mrs Bailey**.

Our Imaginative Learning Projects this year are:

<b>Alchemy Island</b>	<b>Stargazers</b>	<b>Off with her head!</b>
<b>Pharaohs</b>	<b>Beast Creator</b>	<b>Allotment</b>

**Alchemy Island** - Go through a magic portal and escape to another world.



It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island. Year 5 will be going on a mystical journey to find the gold hidden deep in the Islands mysterious landscape.

On the way we will be learning about Gold and mastering the ancient art of Alchemy! So pack your suitcases Year 5 and let the journey begin ...

Look what we are going to be learning....

Our next Imaginative Learning Project (ILP) for this term is **Alchemy Island**



Within this theme we will be:

Writing fantasy narratives, poems and information texts.

Place value, addition, subtraction, area and perimeter and angles.

Changes of state (science).

Reading and making maps (geography)

Designing and creating board games (FT)

Citizenship and setting goals (PSHE)



### **Arrangements for children walking home alone/being collected by another person**

If someone else is picking up your child from school please do let us know by writing a note in their journals or speaking to Mr Warrilow or Mrs Bailey. If you wish for your child to walk home on their own please sign the permission form in the front of their journal, or - if your child is walking home alone on certain occasions - add a note in their journal on the day they will be walking home.

### **Getting in touch**

Please use your child's journals as much as possible. These should be signed by yourselves and sent into school every day. However, please come to see us and make an appointment if you or your child has anything you would like to discuss in person however small! Please ensure you sign all the permission forms at the front of the journal!

### **Reading and Spellings in Journals**

Children should be reading at home for at least 15 minutes every night and practising their spellings on a regular basis. If you have read with your child please sign their journal as **if they read on at least four occasions during the week, they will earn an extra five minutes golden time**. We actively encourage reading of a wide range of genres (including newspapers, comics and recipes etc) that suit your child's curiosity and personal taste in reading. It is as important for them to develop a love for reading as it is the reading skills themselves so if you have any concerns about your child's reading book please do not hesitate to contact us. **Reading books will be changed each Tuesday and Thursday** and if your child finishes their reading book before the 'change days' they can still read other books and/or complete a comprehension task on the book they have read (again, record this in the journal).

### **Home Learning**

Our home learning menu is designed to allow children to select home learning projects that they are most interested in, to ensure their engagement and enjoyment. The tasks are designed to be varied and need a variety of different skills to be completed. Homework will be sent home on a **Thursday** and must be returned to school by the following **Tuesday**. Any children that do not complete homework will be expected to stay in during lunchtime on Wednesday with a member of SLT to complete it. Children will be awarded an **extra five minutes play time** each Tuesday when homework is handed in on time and is completed to their best standard.

### **P.E Kit**

Pupils are expected to wear black shorts/joggers and a white T shirt for P.E. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is in school all week and that it is clearly labelled and placed in a named P.E bag. Your child's P.E day for this half term is **Wednesdays** (*No earrings should be worn on these days*).

**Swimming** - *Swimming will commence this term for years five and six - for ten weeks - on a **Friday**. Please again remember no earrings must be worn. Swimming caps must be worn for long hair. I will send a letter soon to indicate final arrangements for these sessions.*

### **Uniform**

The children are looking super smart in their new uniform! To help us ensure that your child returns home every day with all their uniform please ensure you clearly label all of their uniform as it can prove very difficult to reunite children with the correct jumpers/ties etc if they are not named. Ties must be worn by all pupils and these are available in the office if your child does not already have one.

### **After school clubs/wraparound/holiday club**

As always, we have a wide and fun selection of after school clubs that the children can have access to. Letters have been sent home about these clubs, their costs and running times, but if you would still like to add your child's name to a club or utilise our wraparound facilities please do contact the office and full information can be provided. The activities in all of our clubs have proved very popular with the children and are not only a huge amount of fun but encourage teamwork and an active lifestyle!