What We Are Learning This Week in Year 5

(Week Commencing 16th November 2026)

English

This week in Year 5, we will be carrying out formative assessments to establish the children's current understanding and identify any gaps in knowledge or misconceptions. These assessments will help us tailor future lessons to support and challenge all learners effectively. In English, we will continue our exciting journey through *The Tales of Odysseus*, exploring the adventures and characteristics of mythological heroes. Inspired by these stories, the children will use their creativity to invent their own mythological hero before writing a detailed character description, focusing on powerful vocabulary, imaginative ideas and descriptive language to bring their characters to life.

Things to do at home:

To support your child's learning, you might enjoy discussing some of the following questions together:

- What makes someone a hero? Does a hero need to be strong, or can kindness, courage and intelligence be just as important?
- If you could create your own mythological hero, what special powers, strengths or weaknesses would they have?
- What challenges might your hero face, and how would they overcome them?
- How could you describe your hero's appearance and personality without simply listing adjectives?
- Can you think of any interesting similes or metaphors to make your hero sound even more extraordinary?

This week's spellings:

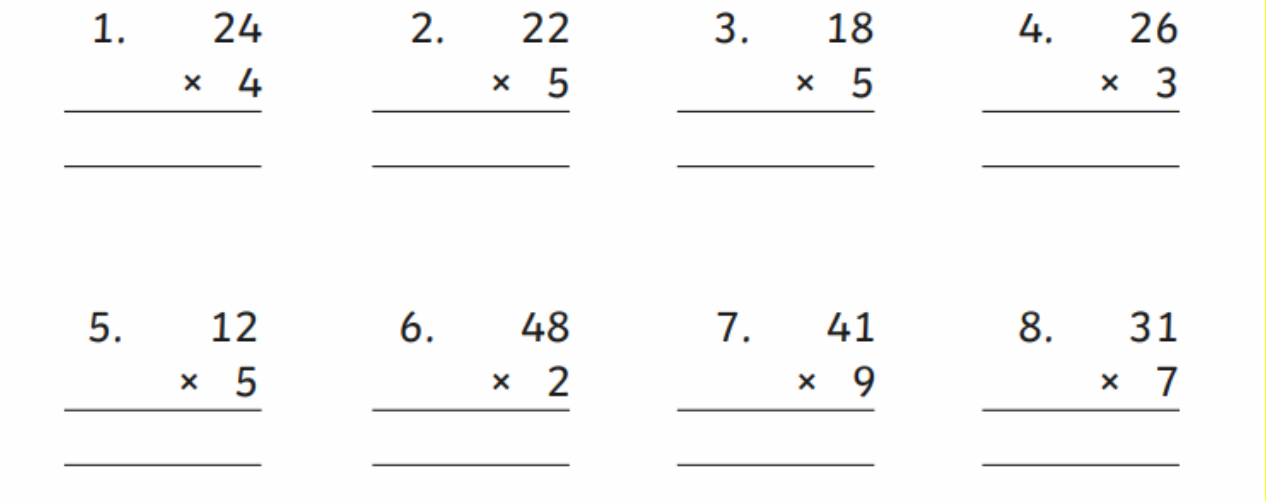
There will be no spellings this week. We will be assessing the children in reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

This week, we will be assessing the children's knowledge and the topics covered so far in Year 5. These include: fractions; multiplying and dividing; addition and subtraction and word problems.

At the beginning of the week we will be revisiting and revising multiplication. In order to help with the children's understanding, you could go over how to use the column method here, then practise some questions:

Multiplying Two-Digit Numbers by One-Digit Numbers



Other Subjects:

Anti-Bullying Week
This week, we will be recognising Anti-Bullying Week by exploring the importance of kindness, respect, empathy and celebrating our differences. Through class discussions and activities, the children will consider what bullying is, how it differs from occasional disagreements, and the impact that our words and actions can have on others. We will also discuss the importance of speaking up, seeking help from trusted adults and being an active bystander who supports others. Our aim is to encourage every child to feel valued, included and safe within our school community. At home, you could support these conversations by discussing what makes a good friend, how to respond if someone is being unkind and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day. Wednesday 18th November will be our 'Odd Socks Day', when we can all come to school wearing odd socks to remind us that we are all unique and special!

Please could we ask that all children are reading regularly at home. It is important that your child is exposed to a wide range of vocabulary as well as different genres and plots, which will help to develop their inference skills as well as their writing.

Some of the key questions that will help your child to think about their books in detail:

- What do you think might happen next? Why?
- How do you think this character is feeling?
- What does that word mean? Can you work it out from the sentence?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- Can you find a word or phrase that helps you imagine the scene?