What We Are Learning This Week in Year 5

Week Commencing 2nd March 2026

English

This week we will start to explore the book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. We will analyse the characters from the story and will use inference and evidence from the text to answer questions and reflect on characters' behaviour and choices. We will also be looking at the progressive past and present tenses to help us with our writing.

Things to do at home:

If your child does not feel confident about verbs, click on this link and ask your child to have a look at the videos and try out the simple activities about verbs. This should help them get started. For an introduction into the past and present progressive tenses, ask your child to watch this video. To consolidate their understanding, encourage your child to write a sentence in present tense, past tense, present progressive and lastly in the past progressive. Here is an example:

She rides a bike like a professional. *(simple present tense)*

She rode a bike like a professional. *(simple past tense)*

She is riding a bike like a professional. *(present progressive tense)*

She was riding a bike like a professional. *(past progressive tense)*

Discuss how the meanings of the sentences differ – this can be quite tricky between the simple past and the past progressive.

This week's spellings:

official, special, artificial, social, racial, especial, unsocial, superficial, facial, judicial, crucial

Maths

This week, we will be completing our work on perimeter and area and moving on to statistics, which will involve drawing simple line graphs, reading and interpreting data on line graphs and tables.

Things to do at home:

Read through the information on line graphs here. At the bottom of the website, there are two quizzes that your child could use to test their understanding.

In Other Subjects

In our science studies this half-term, we are going to be focusing on space. In preparation for our work on forces, read about the different forces around us here, seeing how many different forces you can find. Recap the learning from Year 3 about pushes, pulls and twists then move on to specific named forces such as gravity, air resistance and friction.

Don't forget…

Thursday 5th March is **World Book Day!**

Come to school dressed in your PJs and bring a teddy bear!