

What We Are Learning This Week in Year 5

Week Commencing 29th September 2025

English

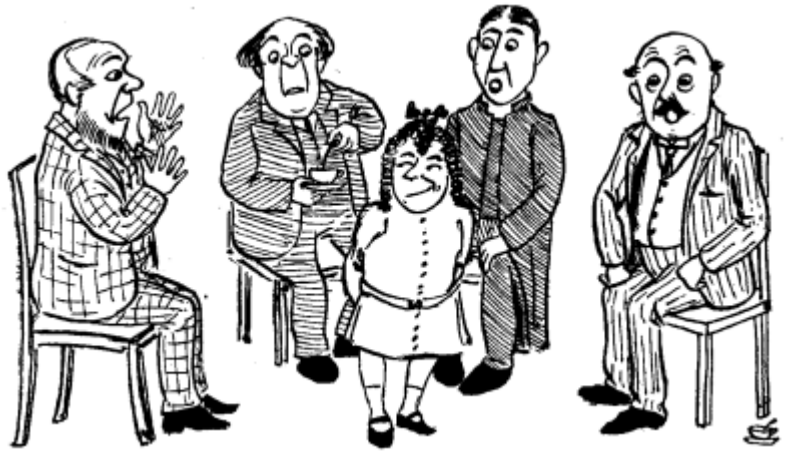
This week we will be starting to look at some poetry including The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. This will lead us onto discussing the poem in detail, reciting it with the appropriate tone and looking at the rich vocabulary found within the poem.

For more information about Alfred Noyes click [here](#).

For a dramatised reading of the poem click [here](#).

Things to do at home:

Read the poem [Matilda](#) by Hilaire Belloc and have a look at this [video](#) for an example of a dramatic recital as well as other works by this poet. Encourage your child to practise reciting this poem in an exciting manner and if they feel confident they can show their efforts to the rest of the class.



This week's spellings:

invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion, competition, explanation, pronunciation, dictation, position, fiction

Maths

This week, we will continue to look at addition and subtraction of numbers with 4 or more digits and begin to use the inverse to check that our answers are correct. Lastly, we will use our knowledge of rounding to estimate what our answers should be before beginning to calculate.

Your child can play the following game, to revise all four operations [click here](#).

Things to do at home:

This [video](#) can help your child understand the usefulness of the inverse operation for checking answers.

[Click here](#) for an interesting video; written explanation and activities for column addition.

[Click here](#) for an interesting video; written explanation and activities for column subtraction.

Other Subjects:

In art, we have been exploring typography and will begin working with maps. For example, we will be drawing on maps to try and make our work stand out over all the roads and other landmarks to work on our confidence when drawing.

For your information...

Wednesday 1st October is our Ancient Greek Workshop!

At Home:

If possible, it would be great to see the children dressed up as Ancient Greek citizens, warriors or Gods and Goddesses. Please do not spend any money in finding a costume. It can be quite effective to use a plain white bed sheet and adapt it to make it look a bit like a toga – your child may have dressed up like this for the Roman workshop last year. This can then be adapted to make them look like Greek warriors! For more fun, your child can call themselves by a traditional Greek name for the day. Look below for some ideas:

Please remember...

Friday 3rd October- Harvest Non-Uniform Day – please bring a can, bottle or packet to help us support the Broxbourne Food Bank.

Thank you!

GREEK BOYS NAMES

These are all names of famous Ancient Greeks. Research the name you choose, and find out what the person was famous for. Make yourself a name badge for Greek day.

Socrates	Plato	Archimedes
Aristotle	Alexander	Sophocles
Euripides	Aeschylus	Pythagorus
Parmenides	Homer	Thales
Cleitomachus	Pericles	Solon
Diagoras	Ladas	Pindar
Hippocrates	Aristophanes	Plato
Democritus	Euclid	Herodotus
Hesiod	Anaxagoras	Zeno
Xenophan	Thucydides	Zeus
Apollo	Jason	Poseidon
Atlas	Prometheus	Ares
Hermes	Achilles	Orpheus
Hades	Argus	Charon
Eros	Hector	Heracles
Icarus	Pan	Hector
Chryses	Priam	Narcissus

GREEK GIRLS NAMES

These are all names of famous Ancient Greeks. Research the name you choose, and find out what the person was famous for. Make yourself a name badge for Greek day.

Electra	Ariadne	Medusa
Sappho	Hipparchia	Calliope
Clio	Erato	Lampedo
Thalia	Circe	Cassandra
Urania	Helen	Scylla
Hebe	Praxilla	Echo
Hecuba	Chryseis	Erinna
Briseis	Eos	Pandora
Ino	Lysistrata	Penelope
Doris	Hera	Aphrodite
Artemis	Athena	Demeter
Io	Persephone	Rhea
Nike	Jocasta	Hyacinth
Aello	Aglaia	Euphrosyne
Ocypetes	Thelxiepia	Themis
Pisinoe	Aglaope	Pasiphae
Sparte	Psyche	Aspasia