



# YEAR 5 Spring 1, 2026

## Mrs Whiteley & Mr Price



### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break, enjoyed the festivities and had a well-earned rest. As we start the new term, we just wanted to reflect an amazing first term where your children all worked extremely hard - a particular highlight was their performance at St Thomas' church. As we move forward, we are really excited about all of the new things that the children will be learning this term, including a visit from Flat Stan who will be providing them all with First Aid training..

As always, we are around if you ever need to talk to us about anything.

We look forwards to another very successful half-term!

### Reminders

**This half term PE is on THURSDAY and FRIDAY.** Your child needs to come in their PE kit that day. We will try and do PE outside as much as possible so please send your child in appropriate clothing. Our Friday PE slot will continue to be swimming.

If children are bringing their own packed lunches to school, please can we remind you that we are a nut free school.

**Homework:** sent home every FRIDAY to be returned the following THURSDAY.

**Reading books:** sent home every other WEDNESDAY and to be returned fortnightly.

### Curriculum Focus

**English:** We will be focusing all of our learning around the book 'The Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac. We will be focusing on writing and recording an information text based on the wolf's physical attributes, habitat and lifestyle. In our second piece related to 'The Eye of the Wolf', we will be focusing on how to discuss and share a balanced argument. We will continue to focus on expressive vocabulary, spellings and grammar within our writing.

**Maths:** This half term, we will be working on the topic of Fractions (including decimals and percentages). Some of the areas covered include; comparing and ordering fractions; identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions; recognising mixed number and improper fractions; adding and subtracting fractions; multiplying proper fractions and mixed numbers; rounding decimals with two decimal points and reading, writing and ordering numbers up to three decimal points.

**Art:** Painting and mixed media: Portraits

**Computing:** Safer internet day

**Geography:** Would you like to live in the desert?

**MFL:** Shopping

**Music:** South and West Africa

**PE:** Gymnastics and swimming

**PHSCE:** How can I help in an accident or emergency?

**RE:** What do Christians believe about the old and new covenants?

**Science:** Living things and their habitats - Do all animals have the same life cycle?

### Key Dates

**Return to school:** Monday 5th January

**Safeguarding day:** Monday 5th January

**Flat Stan First Aid:** Tuesday 13th January

**KS2 IEP Review Night:** Monday 2nd February

**Ambitious Week:** W/C 9th February

**Safer Internet Day:** Tuesday 10th February

**End of Term:** Friday 13th February

