

Physical Development this Half Term

PE this term continues to be on a Monday - please ensure that your child has warm clothing as it will be outside.

Our focus this half term is dance, with a fun basketball theme. (We can't wait to see the children's moves)!

PSHE this Half Term

We begin this half term in PSHE with a focus on money with lessons such as looking at the choices people make about what to spend their money on. We are then moving on to our 'keeping ourselves safe' topic including looking at healthy habits and looking after our emotional needs.



How can you help at home?



Reading - Please continue to read with your child 3 times a week and don't forget to make sure it is logged on Go Read. Remember to ask your child lots of questions while they are reading to check their understanding.

Maths - Please continue to practice times tables with your children. Although the children have collected many of their times table badges, it is important that they keep up their fluency in this area as it supports lot of other maths learning. Here are some QR codes with some great websites to help you practice!



Dates for your Diary

JANUARY 2026

FEBRUARY 2026

Thurs 12th Feb 2026 - Helping Hands Valentine's Disco.

Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb 2026 - February Half Term.

Mon 23rd Feb 2026 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

Tues 24th Feb 2026 - First day of Spring Term 2.



Miss Boxell



Mrs Barbour



Mrs Spencer



Mrs Winter



Mr Carr



**Year 5
Team
Spring
Term 1
2026**

Dear Families,

Welcome back from the Winter break! We hope that you all had a lovely time with family and loved ones. The children have settled back well into their learning and, as usual, there is lots of great learning coming up in the next few weeks!

We are beginning with a fun spy twist linked to our English text, Stormbreaker, so if you see your child commando crawling down the corridor, you know that they are getting ready for a future in MI6 and we had a great time getting involved in the Spy Boot Camp!

As always, if you have any questions or need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to catch up at the classroom door or leave a message with the office team.

With thanks,

The Year 5 Team

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YEAR 5 KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Year 5 Knowledge Organiser - Spring Term 1 2026

Science

This term we will be studying the topic of living things and their habitats. We will be learning about one of the 7 life processes: reproduction with a focus on life cycles. The children will make comparisons between the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, bird and insects. We will also explore some famous naturalists such as David Attenborough and Chris Packham!



Computing

Our budding computer scientists are going to continue developing their programming skills this half term through their learning with a focus on quiz programs. Their codes will focus on how to select, keep scores, if/else commands and throughout it all they will learn to debug if the desired outcome isn't being achieved! The children are really developing their skills in this area so we look forwards to seeing what they will create!



Reading

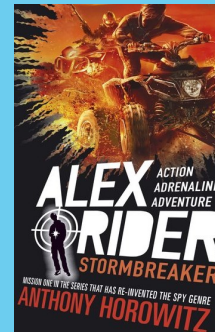
Welcome to the National Year of Reading! There is a real buzz about books this year at Nine Acres and we have some great texts planned for this half term. Over the half term, we will be diving into many texts that are linked to our History topic of the Maya. This will help us to master tricky vocabulary and apply our understanding to read more complex non-fiction texts as well as fiction texts. The main skill that we will be focusing on is to infer meaning. This means that we will be detectives finding clues that an author gives us to know what is happening to the characters as the stories progress.

FICTION	NONFICTION
Read to ENJOY	Read to LEARN
Author's IMAGINATION	Based on REAL FACTS
Pictures are often ILLUSTRATIONS	Pictures are usually PHOTOGRAPHS
STORY ELEMENTS: Characters Setting Problem Solution	TEXT FEATURES: Headings Index Glossary Maps Diagrams Captions Labels Graphs
EXAMPLES: Charlotte's Web	EXAMPLES: Textbooks
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs Cinderella	Who Was Abraham Lincoln? Whales: Gentle Giants

Our English this half term!

This half time, the children are embracing their spy code names as part of our new book, Stormbreaker. The learning journey will include writing an action sequence and developing and pitching their own spy gadgets - future question's will be able to dream up their own spy keyring, pen or even goggles. As well as consolidating key Year 5 learning such as relative clauses, they will really be exploring use of sentence lengths and precise verbs to have the desired impact on the reader.

This term's exciting book!



Our Maths this half term!

Over this half term, the children will be master their skills relating to fractions (an equal part of a whole). To help them succeed, the children need to keep maintaining their knowledge of their times tables. They will continue to learn how to compare and order fractions with increasing levels of challenge before moving on to applying their knowledge of fractions to addition and subtraction calculations.

