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Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Half Term 1 – September 2026

Welcome back to school and a brand-new start to the school year. The children in Year 5 have had such a positive start to their new year group. I am so pleased with their positive attitudes and willingness to strive to do better. Last week we set of the school year with 'Tribal Classrooms'. Here we built on being part of a team and how to be successful.

We built on the foundations of being part of Mather Street and the expectations of learning. I have been truly inspired on their readiness to learn and wanting to be the best they can be. So Well Done to all of Year 5 for starting a fresh and bringing your positive attitudes every day! I think we are going to have a super year!

Thank you
Ms Travis

Attendance

Well done to all the children who have attended school every day so far this school year. Please remember that holidays in term time are classified as unauthorised absences and could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. When children's attendance is below 90%, parents will be asked to provide medical evidence when children are absent from school due to illness.

Studybugs

School communicates with parents via Studybugs. This also enables parents/careers to contact school staff. If you need to send medical evidence for absence due to illness, please send it via email to attendance@matherstreet.oldham.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher meeting

9am Thursday 24th September in the school hall. Please come along to meet Ms Travis and find out about the year ahead in Year 5.

Clubs

Mondays – starting 14th September 2026 – Board Games

Tuesdays – starting 15th September 2026 – Netball (children need pumps or trainers)

Wednesdays – starting 16th September 2026 – Football (children need pumps or trainers)

Fridays – Starting 18th September 2026 – Young Engineers

Clubs finish at 4pm

PE

The Year 5 children will be going swimming on Thursday mornings until February half term. Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit and a towel every Thursday.

English - Reading and Writing

We have started a new scheme of learning for English called 'Ready, Steady, Write'. It is packed with fantastic books, hooks, ideas for writing and themes to engage the children in their writing. This term we are using our Science topic 'Earth and Space' to support writing. The book we are using is called Curiosity. This is about the Mars Rover that landed in 2011.

Books within the scheme are not revealed to the children in the first lesson. This is so they can discuss, predict and build ideas. It also allows them to build on their imaginations to discuss wider opinions and ideas.

In their writing this half term they will be writing about a journey to space as a narrative and a formal report that will inform the reader.

Our class book is The Nowhere Emporium by Ross McKenzie. We have also class voted to read Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend as a bonus book this term.

Maths

In Maths we are building on our knowledge of Place Value with numbers to 1,000,000, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Subtraction.

We will build on our core knowledge and also build on the Reasoning, Problem Solving and Mastery Maths skills – this is about allowing us to apply our learning and knowledge to everyday problems.

Geography

In Geography lessons we will be learning about 'Why do Oceans matter?' and what we can do to protect our oceans, the effects humans are having on the ocean and the protection of sea life animals.

Science

In Science our topic is Earth and Space. We will be learning the names of planets and learn about the Solar System.

RE/ PSHE

In RE lessons our focus is What do different Hindus believe about God?

The PSHE lessons this half term will be looking at 'My healthy self: How can I support my mind and body as I grow?'

Art

In art lessons we are using drawing to investigate depth, emotion and movement

Spanish

In Spanish children will learn greetings, numbers and say how old they are.

Computing

This term Computing is about systems and networks: Search Engines.

We will also learn and develop our skillset of staying safe on-line.

Music

Mrs Haddock will be teaching music. This term she will focus her teaching on Nature: Chords and Melodies.

Design and Technology

This half term, we will investigate Electrical Systems: Wobble Bots

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday.

It will be required by the next Friday.

We will send either a reading, maths or writing based activity.

Trips/Experiences

Castleshaw

Aquarium

Holidays

Autumn half term – School finishes on Friday 23rd October 2026 at 3:20pm and reopens on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Kind regards

Ms Travis