



Year 5 Learning Letter

Friday 15th May 2026

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Maths support booklets

We have recently sent home (with some children) some extra support to try and home with their parents. These parent booklets are intended for your child to practise some key skills they need to work on. Please help your child to complete these booklets and return them to school to earn house points. There is no rush to return them and they are in addition to their weekly homework. Thank you, as always, for your support with these. Any questions please do ask.



MAYPOLE - Thursday 21st May

Maypole will take place on Brockham Green, as always, on Thursday 21st May, beginning at 1.30pm and we hope to see many of you there. Please send your child to school in their uniform and trainers on Maypole Day and we ask that you please let us know if your child will be absent on the day as it really helps us with organising the dance. It would be helpful for Year 5s to have a jumper as well.

Over the next two weeks we will be:

Maths - Finishing our unit on position and direction particularly looking at lines of symmetry.

English - Continuing to study narrative poetry with the view to planning and writing our own.

History - Learning about Victorians and local history.

Science - Answering the questions -

Computing - Finishing writing our own quizzes and evaluating our class mates.

PSHE - Completing our learning about our relationships with ourselves and others in PSHE with a focus how to use technology.

PE - vigorously practising for Maypole and enjoying being in the swimming pool again.

Wanted

Year 5 are looking for more flowers to dissect in science on 18th May please. Any variety would be useful for us.

Also we need some packs of spaghetti for our DT project after half term if possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Spelling patterns

New spellings were on 11th May 2026

Our new spelling rule is words which end in: ably and ibly.

Thank you

Thank you so much for sending in the flowers at short notice for our Science lesson this week. It really brought the lesson alive to have some flowers to dissect.

Trainers and school shoes

We have noticed that there seems to be some confusion which days children should wear trainers and which days to wear school shoes to school. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are school shoes, Wednesday and Friday trainers. PE Kit is Wednesdays. For swimming on Thursdays, children can still wear their school uniform. Thank you.

Thank you, have a lovely weekend
Mrs Boyer, Mrs Tubb and Mrs Tolan.

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Jigsaw - Changing Me

This term, we are teaching and learning the final PSHE JIGSAW topic called 'Changing Me'. It covers age appropriate teaching on puberty and sex education. Please read the knowledge organisers for each year group outlining the key vocabulary relevant to each year group and gives you the opportunity to discuss at home.

There are specific lessons taught in Y5 - Y6 which you have the right to withdraw your child from which are highlighted in red below. Have a chat with your teacher if you would like to see any teaching materials beforehand.

Y5 lesson 4, conception

Y6 lesson 3 conception and birth

Puberty and Human Reproduction in Jigsaw 3 - 11

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| Reception | Growing Up | How we have changed since we were babies |
| Year 1 | My changing body | Understanding that growing and changing is natural and happens to everybody at different rates. |
| | Boys' and girls' bodies | Appreciating the parts of the bodies that make us different and using the correct names for them. |
| Year 2 | The changing me | Where I am on the journey from young to old, and what changes I can be proud of? |
| | Boys and girls | Differences between boys and girls - how do we feel about them? Which parts of me are private? |
| Year 3 | Outside body changes | How our bodies need to change so they can make babies when we grow up - outside changes and how we feel about them. |
| | Inside body changes | How our bodies need to change so they can make babies when we grow up - inside changes and how we feel about them. |
| | Personal hygiene | How our bodies change at puberty and keeping clean and healthy. |
| Year 4 | Puberty and menstruation | How a girl's body changes so that she can have a baby when she's an adult - including menstruation. |
| | Emotions during puberty | Coping strategies to deal with physical and emotional changes during puberty |
| Year 5 | Puberty for girls | Physical changes and feels about them - importance of looking after yourself (animations used - the Female Reproductive System) |
| | Puberty for boys | Developing understanding of changes for both sexes - reassurance and exploring feelings. (animations used - the Male Reproductive System) |
| | Conception Human Reproduction | Understanding the place of sexual intercourse in a relationship and how it can lead to conception and the wonder of a new life (animations used - the Female and Male Reproductive Systems) |
| Year 6 | Puberty | Consolidating understanding of physical and emotional during puberty. |
| | Babies Conception to birth Human Reproduction | How a baby develops from conception, pregnancy stages to birth and how it is born. Reflect on how personal feelings regarding development and birth of a baby. |

If you have any feedback or would like to discuss further, please email Mrs Boyer, our PSHE Lead, via: PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk