



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week!

In Science, we continued our Life cycles unit and studied the life cycle of a frog.

Year 5 pupils completed their diary entries this week and produced some lovely writing, packed full of time conjunctions and show don't tell sentences to entertain the reader.

In Maths we enjoyed looking at multiples, common multiples and factors. This term year 5 are having great fun learning to play the Ukulele in Music.

On Tuesday, Doves class led the Phase liturgy focussing on World Food Day in preparation for our Harvest celebration on Friday. This year's message is 'Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future' so if you can send in any food donations, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Gregson

Upcoming Events

Friday 17th October – Parent meeting in Pheasants Class at 3pm for both Year 5 classes to share the RSE curriculum. Please attend if you are able.

Monday 20th October – making ice-cream. Both classes will be making healthy ice-cream as part of our DT project this half-term. Each child will need to bring in a small plastic container suitable for the freezer or Tupperware box and the ingredients for their group (they know whether they are bringing either fruit or topping.) School will provide condensed milk and cream.

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term 3.20pm

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October Half Term

Friday 28th November – INSET day (school closed)

Monday 1st December – St Francis Xavier Day (school closed)

Information

PE: Tuesday - **Doves only** Children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

PE: Wednesday - **Pheasants only** Children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

Library: Monday (Pheasants and Doves). Children need to bring their library book back EVERY week

Games: Friday (both classes) **Children wear their Games kit on Fridays all day.**

This week's homework update:

Maths.co.uk (replaces Mathletics):

Maths homework will reflect the learning that is done in class during each unit. It is set every Friday on Maths.co.uk. Logins have been sent home. We suggest that children write down their working out on paper when completing the questions from maths.co.uk before entering the answer electronically. Children are not required to hand in their answers.

At St Polycarp's we follow the White Rose Maths Scheme and wanted to signpost the helpful videos which are available to parents and pupils free of charge.

Here is the link for the White Rose videos "Maths with Michael."
It is on the website under the maths section as well.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>

Spelling

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday giving children one week to learn them. This week's spelling:

financial
commercial
provincial
initial
spatial
palatial
controversial
initially
controversially
financially

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance. When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book.

Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can but are expected to complete at least 3 quizzes per half-term.

We have noticed that there are still some children who have not completed any quizzes since start of term. Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. Children can complete the quizzes at school during lunchtime homework club on Fridays if they are not able to do them at home. Please ask them to speak to their class teacher about this.

[Find the link to AR here.](#)

Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**



- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.



Times Table Rockstars (TTRS)

As a guideline, **children should aim to practise their times tables as much as possible, preferably daily.** Please encourage the children to practise those times tables which they are less secure with.

If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.



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Farnham Craft Month

Events at Farnham Library

October 2025



SURREY
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MONDAY 6TH	3:45PM - 4:45PM UFO Craft £2, ages 3+ 	MONDAY 27TH	2.30PM-3.30PM Mini Lanterns £3, ages 5+ 
THURSDAY 9TH	3.45PM - 4.45PM Autumn Leaf Mobile £3, ages 5+ 	WEDNESDAY 29TH	3:45 - 4:45PM Halloween Craft £3, ages 5+ 
MONDAY 13TH	11AM - 12PM Foxy Leaf Craft Free drop-in 	THURSDAY 30TH	2.30PM - 3:30PM Quill a Tree Craft £3, ages 5+ 

*For more details see our events and activities pages.
Please book at the helpdesk or by email,
farnham.library@surreycc.gov.uk*