



Maidenhall Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that your children are excited about being part of Year 5!

We would like to introduce the Year 5 teaching team:

Class	Teacher
Fox	Mrs Tariq and Mrs Islam
Hedgehog	Mrs Hanif (Year Leader)
Otter	Miss Nabi

All staff hugely value parental involvement and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or for a brief question, speak to them at the end of the day.

Attendance:

It is essential that children maintain high attendance. Keeping your child off school with minor ailments such as a slight cold can have a significant impact on attendance and create missed learning opportunities. Missed learning has a hugely detrimental effect on your child's learning and the progress that they can make across school.

Uniform:

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with.

We would like to remind you of our school uniform policy. Children should wear grey trousers or a grey skirt, a white shirt, a red school jumper or cardigan, and sensible black shoes.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, we encourage all children to bring a suitable warm and waterproof coat for break and lunchtime. Please also note that smart watches are not permitted in school.

PE:

For PE lessons, children will need a plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts, a plain tracksuit and trainers. Trainers are only allowed on PE days and should not be worn with normal school uniform. For health and safety reasons, earrings and watches **must** be removed before PE lessons. Children with long hair must also ensure that it is tied back securely.

Pupils will receive two one-hour PE sessions each week. Please see the timetable below for details of when your child will have PE each week.

Class	Days
Fox Class	Wednesday & Friday
Otter Class	Wednesday & Thursday
Hedgehog Class	Wednesday & Friday

Supporting Your Child At Home:

This year, there are a number of ways in which you can help support your child's learning at home.

As part of the 'home reading challenge', please encourage your child to read at home every day. To support their understanding, ask them questions about what they have read. This is a great opportunity to talk about their book, discuss their thoughts and opinions, and explore what has happened in the story. Please ensure that your child's reading record is signed each day once they have read their book.

Children will be sent spellings to learn each week, which will be written in their spelling book. Please ensure that your child brings their spelling book home each day to practise their spellings throughout the week and returns it to school with them each day.

We also ask that you support your child in continuing to improve their recall of multiplication and division facts. All children will have access to Times Tables Rock Stars (TT Rock Stars) to practise their times tables regularly. You can also use other online games, such as 'Hit the Button', which do not require any login details.

Family Workers:

Our fantastic team of Family Workers are available to offer support, signpost you to relevant services, and assist with completing any school documentation.

We look forward to working with you this year and thank you again for your support in your child's education.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year 5 Team