

Year 5/6 Newsletter



Autumn Term 1

Targets



Reading - To read books that are structured in different ways and evaluate how they are structured and presented.



Writing - To use grammatical structures and features and choose vocabulary appropriate to the audience, purpose to make meaning clear and create effect.



Maths - to develop understanding of place value, addition and subtraction.

Home learning

- **Spellings** will be given out every Friday, for a test the following Friday. Please ensure your child practises these at home. Children can practise on Spelling Shed also.

- In addition to spellings and reading, a **Maths** activity will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due in the following **Friday**. Please encourage and ensure your child is completing their homework each week. If you have any problems around homework, please ask.

- Parents/carers, **Reading Diaries** should continue to be brought in to school every day.

- **Times Tables Rockstars and Maths Shed**

Please try to encourage your child to access TTRS regularly. On Maths Shed they can practise their maths skills in a variety of challenges (Ed Shed login).

Welcome to Year 5/6!

I am so excited to have you in Year 5/6. Over the year, you will be encouraged to develop your independence, organisation and responsibility. This means reading diaries/folders in each day. Spelling words are also a huge focus! This term you will have swimming on a **Wednesday** and PE on a **Monday**. **Please come to school in uniform with your correct kit in your bag.** This will be a year of lots of hard work but also lots of fun!

Reading for Pleasure

For our class novel, we are going to start with a book called 'When the Sky Falls'. Set in London, 1941, amid the Blitz. Most children are evacuated but 12-year-old Joseph is sent into the city to live with Mrs F, a stern overseer of a tiny, struggling zoo. This beautifully crafted story weaves wartime drama, emotional growth and the power of unexpected friendship.



History learning



Our first History focus is World War 1 and then World War 2. We will have a general introduction to each war and their causes and then answering the question: can war every be justified?

PE

We have PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Swimming will take place during the Wednesday slot.

SATs 2025

These will take place **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026**. Please can I ask that you do not book any holidays during the week of SATs. Thank you.

Other information

Please remember that there is lots of important information on our website:

burradoncommunityprimaryschool.co.uk

Parents/carers, if you have any queries please email school or ring to arrange a call back. Thank you.

Mrs Jones