



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 1, 2026

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### This half term, we are learning:

**English:** In English, our sentence stacking is initially based around a narrative called 'one small step' and we will also be writing a balanced argument on screen time.

**Maths:** This term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: area, perimeter, volume, converting between measures and angles.

**Science:** We will be learning about plants and how they reproduce, in addition to learning about animal behaviour. The unit of work is called: '*Circle of Life*'.

**History:** For our topic in History this half-term, we are looking at the Atlantic Slave Trade.

**Geography:** Our geographical work will be based around Global Trade.

**Art / D&T:** The pupils will be using chalks and watercolours to create their own mountain scenes.

**Music:** The children will be learning about the origins of samba music and using percussion instruments in their Music lessons with Mrs Walters.

**French:** In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with the classroom.

**PSHE:** The children will be learning about '*Relationships*'.

**PE:** In PE this half-term, the pupils will be participating in a range of different athletic events with Mr Cross.

**RE:** The children will be learning about '*Stories of Christianity*'.

**Computing:** During this half-term, we will be creating games through the school's Purple Mash subscription.

### Message from the teachers:

The academic year has flown by and we are already in the Summer Term! Although this half-term is short, it is packed with exciting events for the children to enjoy.

With the warmer weather, it will be wonderful to see pupils making the most of the outdoor space, whether during playtimes, P.E. lessons or our upcoming sporting competitions. This term also brings opportunities for forest school and DT days, which we know the children will love.

Reading continues to be a key focus at and it is fantastic to see Year 5 pupils engaging enthusiastically with their books. Instilling a love of reading from an early age is so important and we truly appreciate your continued support in encouraging this at home.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead!

### Suggested Home Learning Activities:

The most valuable thing you can do to support your child's learning is to encourage them to read regularly. We hope that every child has the opportunity to read for at least 15–20 minutes each day at home. In school, our Year 5 pupils have enjoyed starting the day with independent reading and ending it by sharing their class reader together.

In Maths, practising times tables, number bonds, and telling the time can make a big difference to your child's confidence and progress. We encourage all pupils to take advantage of the school's Times Tables Rock Stars subscription — an excellent and engaging way to improve their multiplication skills.

Each week, we set two pieces of homework: one paper-based and one on Purple Mash. Please support your child in completing these tasks as they help reinforce their learning in class. Thank you for your continued support!