



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2, 2025



Mr Coleman, Miss Hopkins, Miss Fritz and Mr Williams

This half term we are learning:

English: In English, we will be sentence stacking, including a poetry unit of work.

Maths: This half-term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: fractions, angles, shape, decimals and the four operations.

Science: We will be learning about different forces, '*Let's Get Moving*'.

History: Our History topic for Autumn 2 is '*The Changing Role of Women*'.

Geography: Our geographical work for this half-term will be based around The Grand Canyon.

Art / D&T: The children will be learning all about Pop Art, including significant artists like: Any Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

Music: The pupils will be using Beethoven's Fifth Symphony as a vehicle to create a graphic score and their own piece of music in their lessons with Mrs Walters.

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

PSHE: The children will be '*Celebrating Difference*'.

PE: In PE, which will be taught by Mr Cross, the pupils will be learning how to sequence a dance routine which flows gracefully and smoothly.

RE: The children will be learning about why Muhammad is important to Muslims.

Computing: During this half-term, we will be using Purple Mash to improve our Coding skills.

Message from the teachers:

It's hard to believe that the first half term has already flown by! The children have shown such commitment and enthusiasm in all that they do - they truly deserve a huge 'well done' One of the standout moments this term was our visit to Tamworth Castle. The pupils represented our school beautifully, showing excellent behaviour and a genuine interest in learning more about the past. It was also lovely to catch up with so many families during our recent parent consultations and to celebrate the progress each child has made.

Looking ahead, there's lots to be excited about this half term. The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning and we'll also be holding a Reading Café, where parents and carers can come into school and listen to their child read - a lovely chance to celebrate a shared love of reading. We're incredibly proud of how hard Year 5 have worked so far and are confident they'll continue to shine in the weeks ahead.

Suggested Home Learning Activities:

The most important thing you can do with your child is to encourage them to read. We hope that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 15 - 20 minutes every day at home. In school, the children in Year 5 have enjoyed reading independently upon arrival and reading their class reader together at the end of the school day.

With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds and telling the time are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. Try to encourage your child to make the most of the school's subscription to *Times Tables Rock Stars* - a great way to practise timetables. Finally, we will also be setting two pieces of homework each week: one will be paper based and one will be set on *Purple Mash*. Please encourage your children to give the homework a go!