



YEAR 5 MEET THE TEACHER

Miss Grist and Mr Clifford

Home Learning

- Each week, we will upload the home learning for your child on SeeSaw.
- Each Friday, we will upload the homework to SeeSaw, for completion during the week.
- If the homework is not completed within the week, the expectation will be that your child uses part of Friday break time to complete this and catch up.
- Homework includes: maths and writing consolidation from the week, reading at home.

How to Record Reading

Reading Bookmarks

- Children should be reading 3 x 20 minutes a week, and each of these should be recorded on the bookmark.
- Sign and date the bookmark, when the child has read
- Bring these to school, in the book that the child is reading
- We encourage you not only to read with your child, but to engage in discussion about the book, to help with their reading comprehension (which is important for next years SATs!).
- If you would like to comment/share your child's reading, you can do this via Seesaw

Changing books

- Children will be sent home with reading books, which are exclusively for reading at home. In the classroom, children choose a book from the class libraries to read when it is quiet reading time.
- Children can change their books first thing in the morning, or before they go home at the end of the day.
- We challenge readers using the '5 finger rule' method.



Seesaw blog

We will be regularly using the Year 5 blog, for both Peacocks and Mockingbirds. This is a chance for you to see the activities that the children have been completing in school, and to celebrate any exciting activities that we have been doing.

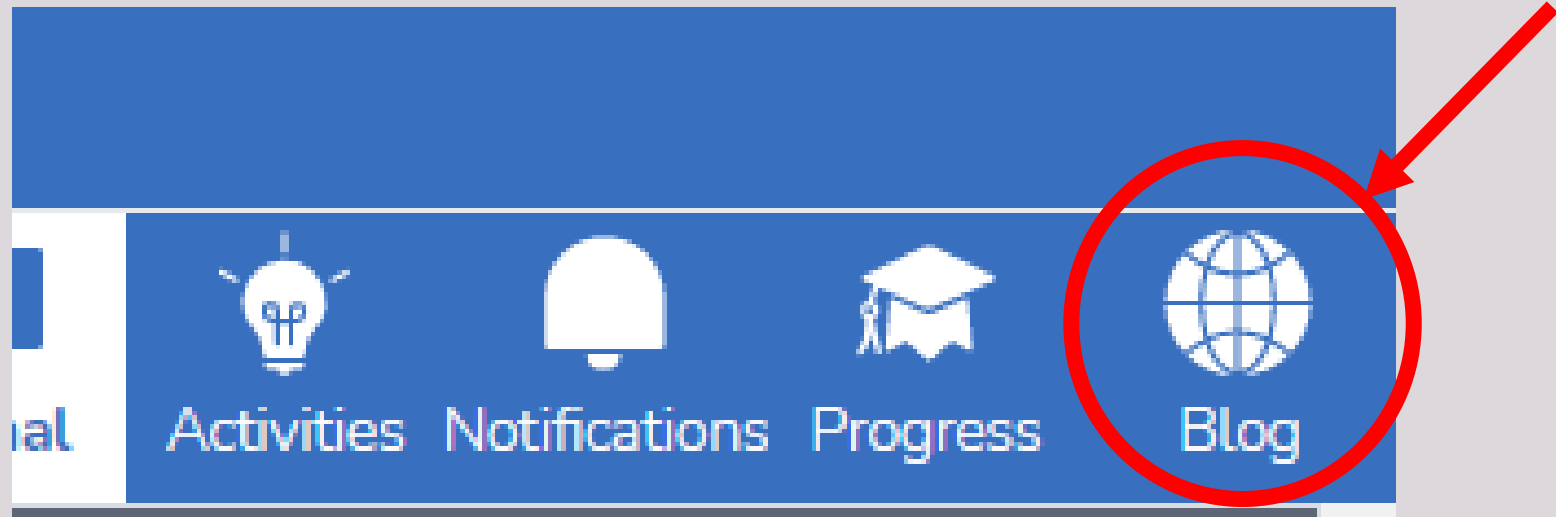
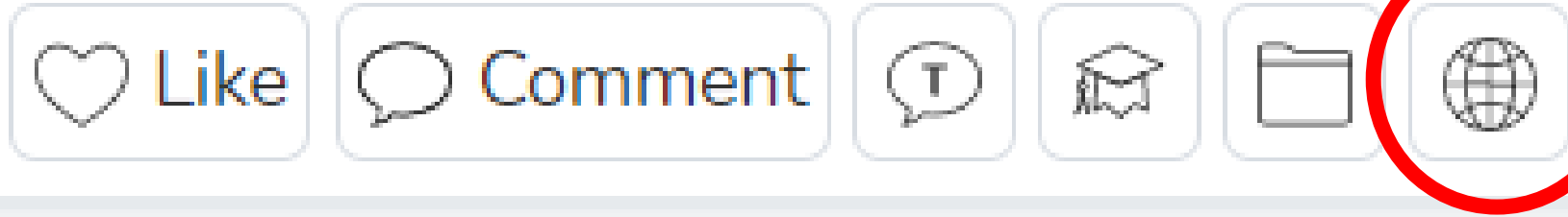
The office will contact you, to confirm whether we have your permission to post your child's photos on the blog.

The blog can be viewed by all of those in Year 5, who access Seesaw, but it cannot be accessed by others outside of the year group.

Children are allowed to comment on each others posts, to foster a sense of community within the year group, and across the classes.

The SeeSaw blog is the main way we communicate with parents what is happening in school, so please do take the time to check in here regularly.

Year 5 Blog



Timetable

- PE days are Monday and Friday.
- Break times are at 10.45-11.00
- Lunchtimes, children play first and from 12.30-1.00 they eat their lunch.
- You can pick your children up from the classroom door or you can let your children walk home on their own in Year 5, but please let the office know beforehand in the form of a letter, otherwise we will not be able to release your child.

If children are walking home with phones, these are to be handed in to Class Teacher in the morning and are to be switched off.

Topics in Year 5

- **Autumn: Space.** We study the history of the space race, and complete several investigations which deepen our understanding of how the Earth rotates on its axis, and revolves around the Sun. We will also be making Solar Systems and learning the features of each planet.
- **Spring term: Japan.** Here we explore the different geographical features of the country such as Mt Fuji and Tokyo, as well as taking a deeper look into the historical aspects, such as Samurai. Children will be creating a piece of Kintsugi art, where they create a piece of clay pottery, break this and then use it to make something entirely new We are also planning to make sushi.
- **Summer term: Egyptians.** We have an exciting themed day linked to the Egyptians, where we bake bread and become tomb investigators. We look into the achievements of famous Pharaohs and discover the way Egyptians lived in ancient times.

Residential

- Each year, we take year 5 on a residential overnight trip to Oakwood Climbing Centre, where they spend 2 days and 1 night doing outdoor activities and sleeping away from home.
- This year, it is on the 17th and 18th of May.
- The cost is roughly £140 for the trip, which includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, bed and shower facilities, and the luxury of being the only people on site for both days.
- We encourage every child to sleep over in order to prepare them for Year 6 residential, however, if you are worried, please speak to us and we can we can discuss alternative arrangements if needed.
- We will be hosting a Q+A session to discuss this in further detail.

Swimming

- As part of the national curriculum, every child must attend swimming lessons in primary school. We do this in year 5.
- The lessons are free, but there is usually a small payment for the coach to and from Bracknell Swimarium, details of which will be released nearer to the time. Will be in Spring or Summer term.
- These lessons are mandatory as part of the national curriculum, and so we expect every child to attend. If for any reason you do not want your child participating, we will need proof that they are water safe/can swim 25 metres.

Other trips

- Due to the residential and swimming, we try to organise events within school to keep costs as low as possible.
- This year, we hope to have a visit from the inflatable planetarium to support our space topic and an ancient Egyptian character visit for Egyptian day in summer term.
- We don't have costs yet but it should be around £20 for both together.