

Homework

Spellings- These will be handed out every **Monday and tested on Friday**. Spellings can also be found on website.

Reading- **20mins 3-4 times a week**, this can be done independently or with an adult and must be recorded in Home School Contact books.

Reading Plus- Five reading lessons and one vocabulary lessons are assigned per week. This is to be completed both at school and at home. Children who DO NOT finish **by Friday** will complete during Shine Time.



My Maths- Homework is set on Monday and is to be **completed by Friday**. Encourage your child to go through the accompanying lesson as this will help when completing the homework. Children who DO NOT finish by Friday will complete during Shine Time.

Library

Children can return and borrow school library books at lunchtimes.

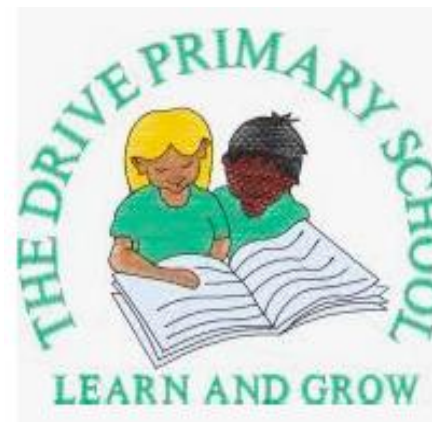
Home School Contact Books

Please ensure that contact books are brought to school **every Monday** for spellings to be entered and for reading records to be checked.

PE Days

PE days are Mondays and Swimming on Wednesdays. **Children must come to school in their full PE kits on Monday and have their full swimming kit on Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child is wearing the school PE kit which includes: Drive PE top, blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (not branded) and appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

Autumn Term 2025



Year 5

Mrs Sinclair

Information for Children, Parents and Carers

During this term we will be learning about:

English

This term we will be looking at *Everest: The Remarkable Tale of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay*. We will be focusing on inferring characters feelings and thoughts and creating suspense and tension in narratives. We will also be having a debate and looking at descriptive vocabulary in poems. After the break, we will look *Where the Snow Angels Go* and write a character description. Then feel a bit more festive by looking at *The Grinch*.

Maths

The children will be learning about decimal fractions, money, negative numbers, short multiplication and short division. During Arithmetic, children will be asked to think about how efficiently they can answer questions and whether a written method is always needed.

Science

We will be looking at Materials. They will conduct many investigations in order to identify and classify different materials by their properties. We will then look at Earth and Space answering questions such as 'Does the sun actually move across the sky?' and 'Could humans survive on other planets?'

History

In History, children will be studying Mayans. They will look at how this ancient civilisation lived, what they believed in, what they wore by looking at a range of sources.

Geography

Children will be look at the Alps. They will discover where The Alps are in Europe and what it is like there. We will then conduct some fieldwork and compare our local area to the Alps.

Religious Education

Children will be looking at how we can respect other people's beliefs by discovering what different people's interpretations are of God and religion.

Music

Children will be continuing to develop their skills using an instrument. They will learn to play different songs while progressing with their music knowledge understanding different melodies, rhythms and pitches can evoke different emotions.

Physical Education

This term's focus will be Hockey. They will practice different skills and techniques to develop their control of the ball. They will play several games to apply these skills. They will also be going swimming every Wednesday morning at Heworth Pool.

PSHE/ RSE/ SMSC/ Wellness

Children will participate in Wellness Wednesday weekly which will teach them mindfulness skills. In RSE & PSHE we will discuss: Friendship skills, Marriage, Respecting myself, Family life, Stereotypes: Race and Religion and VAWG, Importance of Rest, Taking responsibility for my feelings, Healthy meals and Sun safety.

Art and D&T

We will explore paintings by Henri Rousseau and create a rainforest painting considering composition and colour. After we will use textiles and collage to weave a mountain scene. In D&T we will be designing a phone holder, making one using wood, saws, glue guns and then evaluating the process.