



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Autumn Term Year Five Newsletter

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to you all at the beginning of a really exciting year at Nicholas Hawksmoor School. The first few weeks are about establishing routines, timetables and getting to know the children. It takes time for some children to settle as they move into the upper end of the school and if you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the Year 5 team. We look forward to an eventful and exciting year ahead.



## The Year 5 Team

Sophie Posnett	(Class Teacher and Year Leader)
Mike Yates	(Class Teacher from January 2018)
Nicki Wilson	(Class Teacher Autumn Term)
Peter Scurr	(Class Teacher /Maths Teacher)
Jackie Clarke	(Higher Level Teaching Assistant)
Angie Tonkinson	(Teaching Assistant)

## Subject Overviews

### English

In English we will be note-taking and forming balanced arguments linked to Coasts. We will be looking at letter writing and the children will produce a letter to an author or fictional character. In the second part of the term we will link our writing to our topic on Space; focusing on newspaper reports and developing our skills for writing Science Fiction stories.

### Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on number by revising and revisiting the children's understanding of place value before focusing on addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division. They will also be learning about statistics and perimeter and area. The aim of this term is to develop their fluency with number and to improve their reasoning and problem-solving skills at an appropriate level. Consolidation of their basic skills is a key area this term as this will build their confidence as we move forward throughout the year; therefore we ask that the children are regularly practising their number bonds through rapid recall and of course their times tables and corresponding division facts at home to aid them in this. There will be a weekly times table test each Monday.

### Science

This term we will be studying the life cycles of various animals and flowering plants. We will compare the life cycles and look at Metamorphosis. We will link this topic to Coasts and our trip to Aylmerton. In the second half of the term children will be learning about planet Earth and its place within the universe. They will be investigating key features of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will focus on movement, rotation and orbit, developing an understanding of these on the Earth, Moon and Sun along with other astrological bodies.



## Events

**25th September**

Aylmerton

Information Evening

**3rd/4th October**

Parents' Meetings

**11th-13th October**

Residential to Aylmerton

**21st October**

Harvest Festival at

St Lawrence Church

**18th/19th October**

Individual School

photographs

**19th October**

Spooky Disco

**20th October**

Harvest Festival

**3rd November**

FONHS Bonfire Night

**Week Commencing 6th November**

Life Education Centre Visiting School

**12th December**

Y5/6 Christmas Performance

**13th December**

Whole school  
Christmas lunch

## Y5 Homework

**Monday –Times tables**

**Friday - Spellings**

**Weekly - Guided Reading**

**Sunday 7pm—Mathletics  
deadline - 500 points**

**Projects are due in the  
Friday after each half  
term holiday.**

their learning.

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### Computing

With the new expectations in computing, we are very fortunate to have Mr Scurr leading these sessions. Here the children will be looking at coding and understanding basic algorithms before developing their skills using the free coding software, Scratch. This is a free downloadable resource that I am sure your children would be interested in showing their skills at home!

### Humanities

Our first Geography topic will be studying Coasts and their importance to our island nation. The children will explore the different types of coastlines and look at the processes such as erosion and deposition and their effects on different areas of the UK. We will be continuing our study during our residential to Aylmerton. After half term we will be studying Ancient Egypt. The children will investigate the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians using a wide variety of resources. We will look at the importance of archaeology in historians' efforts to understand this civilisation, and identify key discoveries and artefacts that enabled this to happen. In Religious Education our focus this term is on understanding stories of faith and why the ancient stories of the Bible, Torah and Koran are still so significant for religious communities today,

### PSHE

Our Personal, Social and Health Education sessions are embedded throughout our curriculum and focus this term on the children seeing themselves as valued individuals within the school community who contribute to a welcoming, safe and fair learning community. We will be developing the social skills of friendship, working well together as a group along with managing anger, and resolving conflict.

### PE

Our PE session is on a Monday and it begins with setting athletic personal bests alongside developing their leadership skills. The children will be learning to understand the key characteristics of being a good leader and begin putting these into practise through a variety of different games and activities. We then focus on our 'Real PE' curriculum where we promote social skills through games and activities such as Kabadi and River Crossing; this is to develop their ability to motivate themselves and those around them through good negotiation and collaborative skills.

**Year 5 do not swim this term but will return to the pool in January for the remainder of 2017**

### The Arts

Art will be taught by Mrs Gilchrist and the children will be focusing on work from different cultures and looking at the processes and visual elements that have been used. Inspired by the work, they will then create their own individual and collaborative pieces. In Music the children will be learning songs relating to Harvest and Christmas. They will be playing instruments and making basic compositions. This will be taught by Mr Driver this year. Dance will be taught by Miss Woodfield and in these lessons the children will be developing their movement and co-ordination skills as a group and independently.

### French

Throughout this term we will learn places in a town and directions, so that you never get lost in France! Secondly we learn how to tell the time in French. Later in the term we will consolidate our previous knowledge of verbs and how they change by creating a diary in French. All lessons will adopt a visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approach to ensure all children are fully engaged in



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