



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026



Dear families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we are going to have a joyful year. This year we have a few events such as Church visits, a gallery visit and sports events which happen throughout the term. Please make sure to keep up to date with any future events.

The children will continue their journey along the Homerswood Pathway Curriculum, which encourages children to grow, be curious and discover.

For your information, the table below shows the areas we will be covering in each subject and contains some links you may find useful:

Subject	Topics and how to support your child.
English	We will be using an array of quality fiction and non-fiction texts, writing for effect with purposeful sentence structure and vocabulary. We will be examining and utilising authorial devices for their impact on the reader. Throughout the term, we will be writing informally and formally, composing reports, narratives, diary entries and poetry as well as writing to inform and demonstrate knowledge in our foundation subjects. We will continue to focus on spoken language and reading fluently. Do continue to read and share texts with your child - encourage them to read in a range of contexts to help them in developing a lifelong love of reading. Get into the local library; we are lucky enough to have one of the best in the whole of Hertfordshire. Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling English Homerswood Primary and Nursery School
Maths	In maths, we will continue to develop numerical fluency through daily fluency sessions. We will build and develop our skills and practise using them in a range of contexts. Place value and rounding of large numbers Interpret negative numbers Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 Properties of number: multiples, factors, and common factors Prime and composite numbers Four operations - mental calculation and written methods Add and subtract using a range of strategies and formal written methods Formal written method for multiplication and short division

	Equivalent fractions Talk to your children about their mathematic learning. Make the most of 'real life' opportunities to interact with numbers - for example, when shopping, travel planning, and budgeting. Continue to focus on reciting and using times tables facts - perhaps you could hold a tables family challenge. Keep up the times table rockstars streaks too! https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw https://trockstars.com/
Computing	In computing, our first unit is about Computing systems and networks - systems and searching. The following unit is Creating media - Video production. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f
RE	In RE, we are learning about 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy and Loving' before moving onto Sikhism. Students will learn about what it means to be a Sikh in Britain today. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j
Art	In art this term, we are going to be focusing on improving our Drawing ability. Drawing: Depth, emotion and movement. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpq3pbk/revision/7
Science	Our first science unit , Earth and Space, focuses on the planets and celestial bodies in our solar system. Children will investigate each planet - from Mercury to Neptune - this unit then explores how scientific ideas surrounding Earth's movement and placement have changed and developed over time Our second science unit, Properties and materials, focuses on materials in our environment. Students will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/ https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/

Geography	During the first half of the term, we shall be exploring the What is life like in the Alps? In this unit students will investigate the European Alps and how the Alps play a role in people's lives. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2rfsk7#z3xwdp3
History	During autumn 2, we will move on to our history topic: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else? Students will learn about Viking and viking life. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm
MFL	We will firstly cover a phonics lesson to support our french vocabulary knowledge before moving on to a topic of pets and days of the week (dates) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty https://www.duolingo.com/
PE	In P.E, we will be completing two units this Autumn term. The first is a unit which emphasises and improves students fitness with skipping and other activities. When the fitness unit is finished, the class will change its focus to Dance. https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fitness-6-12.html https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbvrcmn#z9c8dp3
DT	In autumn, we will be designing and creating our Electronic System - Doodlers. These interesting devices move on their own and create a variety of different lines and shapes. https://www.theschoolrun.com/5-at-home-design-and-technology-projects-for-primary-children
Music	In music, the children will be continuing to develop their skills in listening, comparing, composing and performing as well as considering the importance of rhythm and teamwork. Our Autumn focus is around Christmas songs. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc/
RSHE	In RSHE, we look at two topics over Autumn. The first unit is Peer Pressure and how it affects pupils' lives. The second unit is about: Adults' & Pupils' Views

Reminders:

- As always, **good attendance** is essential to maintain good progress.
- If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Children can obtain a **new book** from our class or our main library whenever they return their previously borrowed book.
- A **labelled, filled water bottle** should be brought into school every day.
- School shoes should be black and preferably children should wear black trainers on P.E days which are Wednesday and Thursdays.
- Continue to check our website. It is updated regularly and, there, you can find photos and further details of our in class activities.
<https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/year-6-15/>

Home Learning:

- Home learning will be set via Google Classroom at the start of every week to consolidate that week's learning and prepare for the week ahead.
- Children should be reading regularly at home and reading with an adult 3-4 times per week. Please discuss the texts that your children are reading.
- Please continue to use TT Rockstars and Spelling shed at home. These are great resources which are fun to complete and really contribute to understanding and retention.

Important dates:

- Please check the diary dates on the website for regular updates. There will be further parent newsletters from the Office to inform you of any important dates.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries. You can email us at year5@homerswood.herts.sch.uk

We are very excited about the term ahead and look forward to sharing the children's learning journey with you.

Very best wishes,
Mr Williamson, Mrs Bate