



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School

Year 5

Meet the Teacher

September 2026

Welcome from the Year 5 team!

- Mrs Twyford / Mrs Razzaq
- Mr Pallet

- Phase Leader - Mrs Twyford



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Uniform expectations

Lots of useful information can be accessed from our website. Look for the 'Parents' tab on the homepage.

www.gilbertcolvin.co.uk

Some uniform reminders:

- No Smart watches or jewellery. Only plain stud earrings are allowed.
- Pupils should wear sensible black or navy shoes or black trainers. No other colour trainers please. If there's a short term challenge with this, please let the school know.

Teachers will let parents know if their child is not wearing the correct uniform.

School Uniform Requirements



- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers
- Grey or black skirts or trousers
- White shirts or white polo shirts
- Royal Blue sweatshirts/cardigans

Children will also need a school book bag (we do not have storage for large rucksacks).

P.E. Kit

PE Uniform



On PE days, children come to school in their PE kit

- Trainers
- A pair of black jogging bottoms (Outdoor P.E.)
- A pair of black shorts (Indoor P.E.)
- White T-shirt
- School Sweatshirt



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Behaviour

Positive not punitive

We have a values based, positive behaviour system. We discuss with our classes what good learning behaviour looks like and how we can show that we are 'Ready to Learn'. This is closely linked with what it means to be a pupil at Gilbert Colvin and the school's values of *courage, perseverance and integrity*.

Green Trackit points and certificates are awarded for positive behaviours. Pupils are asked to reflect upon their behaviour if there are more serious incidents. Parents are informed if pupils have had 'reflection time'.

Inclusion Team

Some children may have additional support and work with our ELSAs individually or in small groups.

Mrs Begum – Inclusion Manager/SENDCo

Mrs O'Sullivan – ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Miss Collins – ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Behaviour Policy

This can be read on our website <https://www.gilbertcolvin.co.uk/key-information/policies>

Behaviour – visible consistencies

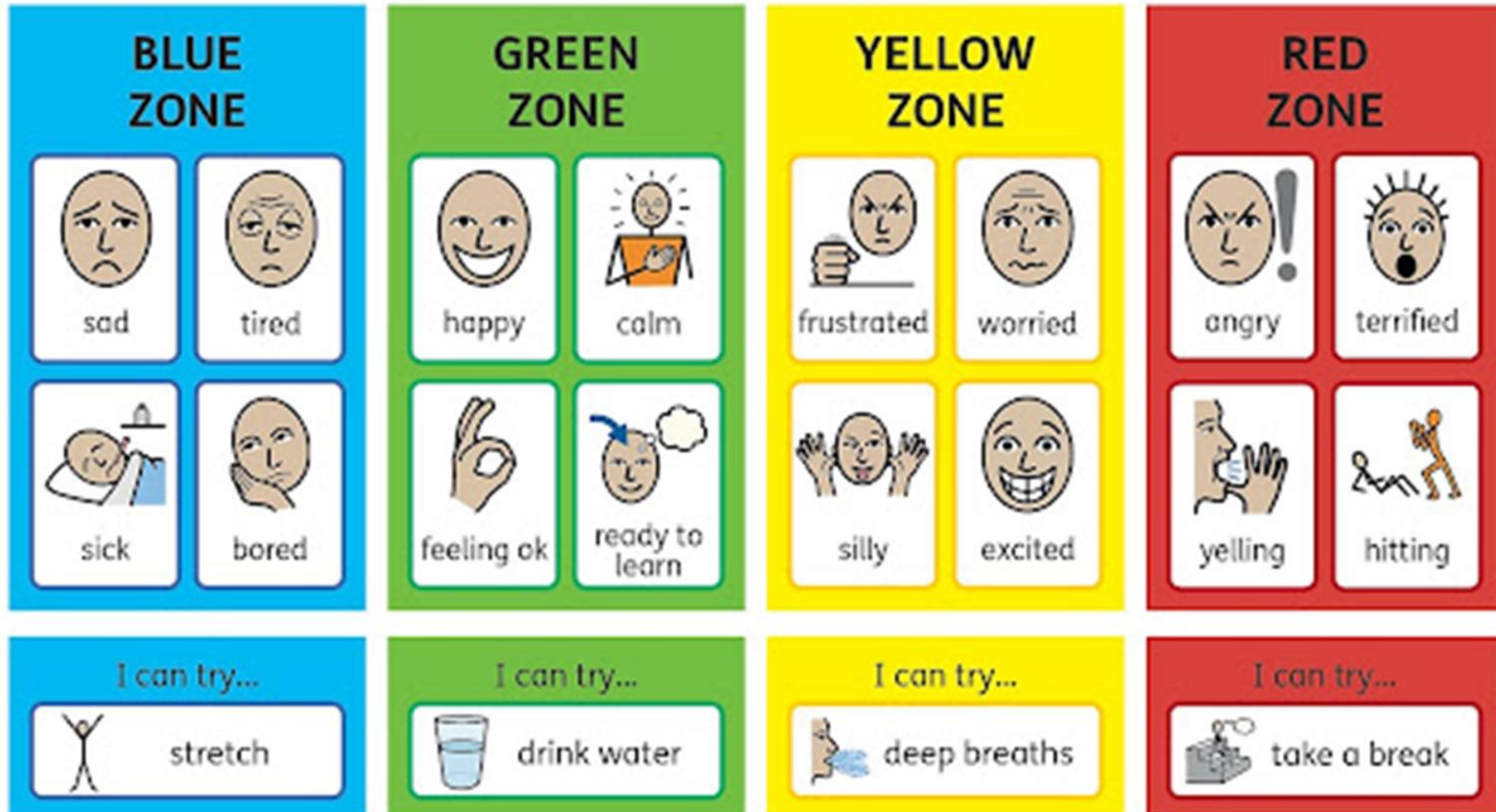
This is how we do it *here*. Whatever happens at home, in school, we have an agreed set of behaviours that teachers will be modelling and we will expect from the children.

As a whole school, we focus on positive behaviours, including: greeting each other, walking (not running), being kind to each other in the playground.

Behaviour for learning – in classes. This will be more specific and linked to positive learning behaviours and the Gilbert Colvin values of *courage, perseverance and integrity*.

Consequences hold – good behaviours don't cancel out the bad ones. For more serious incidents, children will be asked to write a brief reflection to think about their behaviour choices. We will let you know if that's happened.

Behaviour – Zones of Regulation



Behaviour – Zones of Regulation

- The Zones of Regulation is a framework that helps children develop self-regulation skills by categorising emotions into four colour-coded zones:
- **Blue Zone:** Sad, tired, sick, or bored (low energy state).
- **Green Zone:** Calm, happy, focused, and ready to learn (optimal state for learning).
- **Yellow Zone:** Frustrated, anxious, excited, or wiggly (heightened emotions but still in control).
- **Red Zone:** Angry, overwhelmed, or out of control (extreme emotions).
- Schools use this approach to help children recognize their emotions and develop strategies to move towards the Green Zone.
- Teachers and support staff guide children in identifying triggers and using coping mechanisms like deep breathing, movement breaks, or talking with a trusted adult.

Online Safety

Online safety is:

- Protecting children from harmful content, contact, and conduct online.
- Includes knowing what they're accessing, who they're talking to, and how much time they're spending online.
- It's about helping them navigate the digital world responsibly, safely and confidently.

Why online safety matters for parents:

- Children often don't recognise risks online or understand how quickly situations can escalate.
- Harmful content, strangers, peer pressure, and AI-generated content (including deepfake) are increasingly accessible.
- Excessive screen use affects mood, sleep, health, and behaviour.
- Social media features designed to keep children online longer are now recognised as harmful and subject to new restrictions.

What you can do as parents:

- Set up parental controls on all devices and home Wi-Fi.
- Ensure apps, games and platforms are age-appropriate.
- Know what platforms your child uses, who they interact with, and how they communicate.
- Talk regularly with your child about online behaviour, kindness, and what to do if something feels wrong.

Online Safety

New legislation and guidance (2025-2026)

1. Mobile phone use in schools (England)

From 1 September 2026, all schools in England must follow statutory guidance requiring that:

- Schools are mobile-phone-free environments by default.

2. New rules to protect children online (UK Online Safety Framework)

Updated July 2026, the UK government introduced major changes to protect children online:

- Social media will be banned for under-16s (phased implementation).
- Platforms must introduce mandatory age verification and remove harmful features that encourage excessive use.
- Children will have mandatory breaks on certain platforms to reduce screen-time harms.
- AI-generated harmful content (e.g., deepfakes, altered images) is now explicitly included in safeguarding definitions.

These changes mean parents should expect stricter controls on social media access and more robust age-checking on apps and websites.

3. Updated safeguarding expectations for schools (KCSIE 2026)

Schools must now:

- Treat mobile-phone restrictions as part of safeguarding.
- Address risks from AI-generated content, including fake images or messages.
- Ensure filtering and monitoring systems can detect emerging online harms.

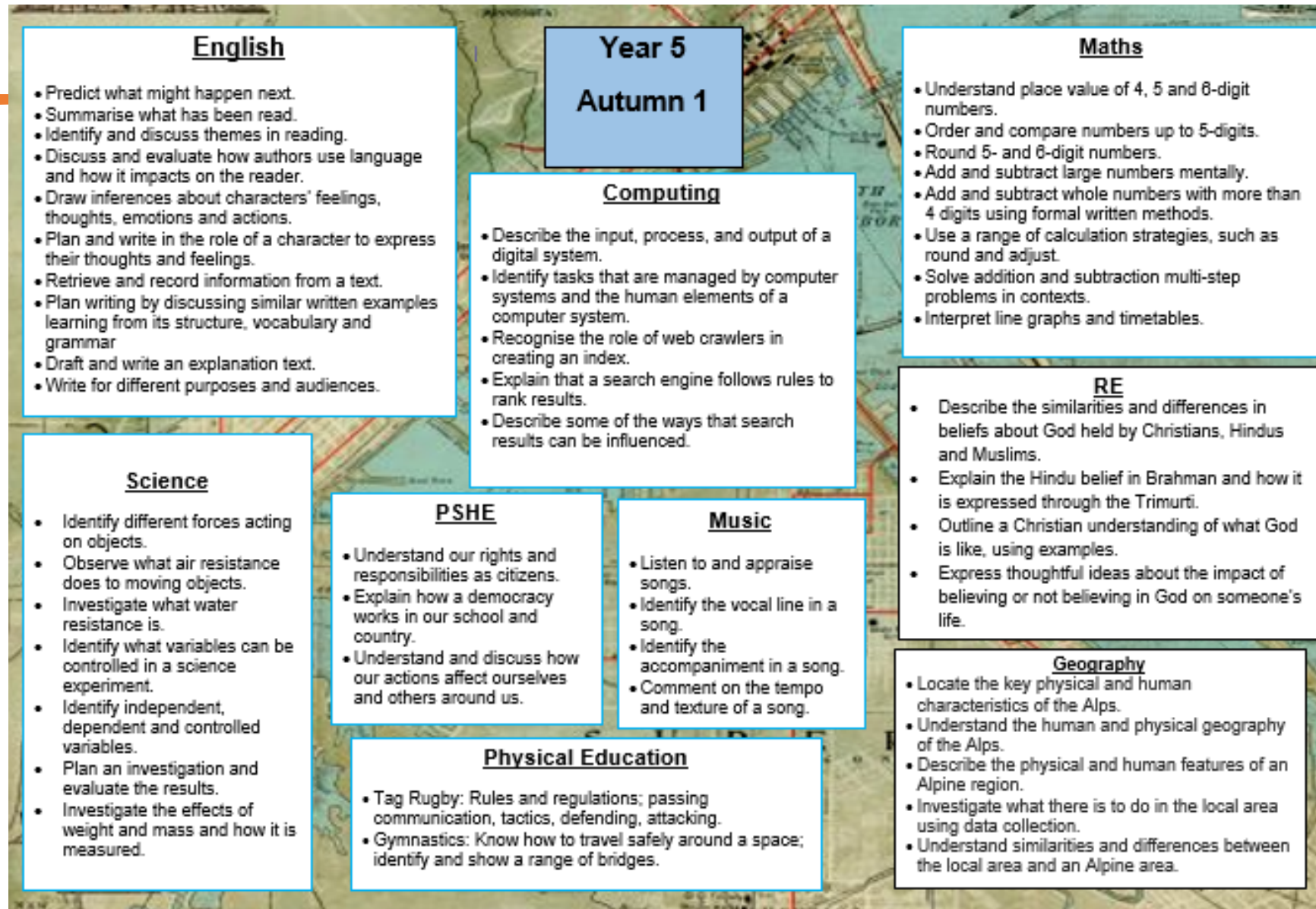
There is an online safety page on our website for pupils <https://www.gilbertcolvin.co.uk/curriculum/online-safety> and for parents <https://www.gilbertcolvin.co.uk/information-for-parents/apps-and-website-guidance>

For all online safety concerns, please contact our deputy designated safeguarding lead, Mr Endacott.

Curriculum – what we will be covering this half term



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Curriculum – foundation subject topics that will be taught this year



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RE

What do different people believe about God?

What does it mean to be a Muslim?

Why is prayer important for religious believers?

What does it mean to be a Christian?

Justice and poverty: Can religions help to build a fair world?

Art

Georgia O'Keeffe –
sketching and oil
pastels

Sculpture and Clay
– Andy Goldsworthy

Textiles – stitching
and batik

Music

How does music bring us
together?

How does music connect
us to the past?

How does music improve
our world?

Cornets

Computing

Systems and networks

Creating media - video production

Programming

Data and information - databases

PE

Outdoor: Tag rugby, rounders, outdoor adventure, tri-golf

Indoor: Balancing and handstands, jumping and leaping, Victorian dance, Mystery dance

Spanish

At the café

Do you have a pet?

What so the weather?

My home

Science

Forces

Space

Animals including

Humans

Life Cycles

Properties of Materials

Reproduction

PSHE

Being me in my world

Dreams and goals

Celebrating difference

Healthy me

Relationships

DT

Mechanical systems – moving
vehicles

CAM system – Victorian toy

Textiles – recycled clothing

English – how we teach reading at Gilbert Colvin

- Nursery – Year 2 – Read Write Inc phonics programme
- Year 2 – Year 6 – Reading VIPERS programme
- All children read core texts as part of their English lessons
- Children have story time at the end of the day
- Children in KS2 have daily independent reading for pleasure time



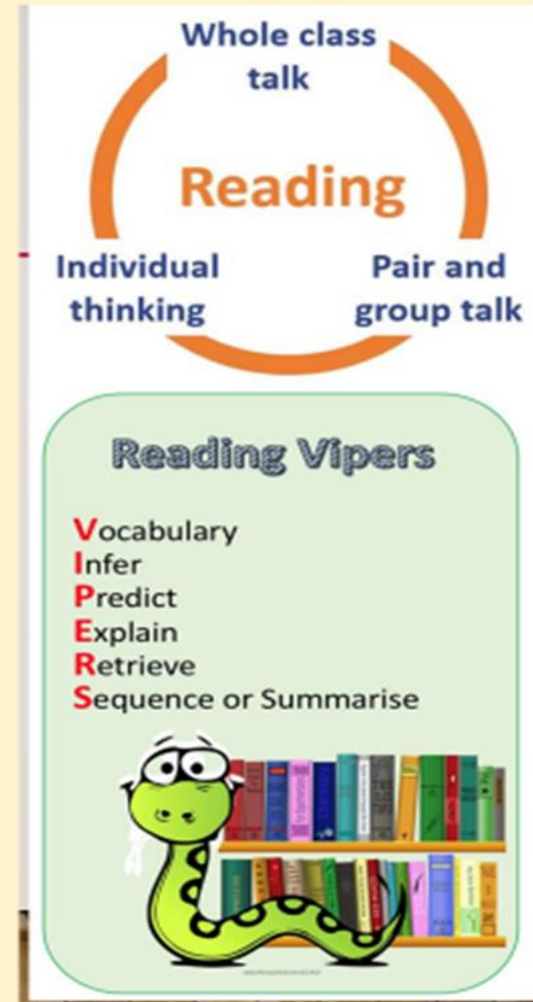
English – how we teach reading at Gilbert Colvin



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VIPERS reading

- Whole Class Reading is the lesson in which children study specific texts and extracts from high quality books to learn and refine their skills in reading and comprehension.
- Children use the 'VIPERS' framework to help break down the individual skills required to read and comprehend a text fully.
- These skills are taught individually and build up over time throughout Key Stage 2, until children can read fluently and comprehend fully.



English – how we teach reading at Gilbert Colvin

Accelerated Reader



- Accelerated Reader is the system we use in school (years 2 – 6) to find your child a difficulty-appropriate and age-appropriate book to read that will ensure they continue to make progress.
- Children complete 'Star Reader Tests' that give your child a numbered range from which your child can choose books from within. For example, they may have a range of 3.2 - 4.5. They would then begin on a book levelled 3.2 and can read their way through up to books levelled 4.5.
- This range ensures children do not read books that are too difficult for them and allows the child the ability of free choice whilst being guided within a range so they can choose books that meet their interests.
- Children can complete a quick quiz at home after they have finished reading the book to check that they have understood what they have read.

English – how we teach writing at Gilbert Colvin

- Writing is taught during the designated, hour long, English sessions.
- Writing is based on high quality texts that drive teaching and learning in these sessions
- Children learn a range of literary features to apply to their writing.
- Children have the opportunity to write a variety of different types of writing across the year.
- Children follow a 5 step writing process, in which they plan, write, revisit, edit and publish their work.
- A variety of text types and high quality models of writing are used to support pupils, allowing the children to see how the literary skills learnt in lessons are used effectively in a broad range of genres.
- Writing, at Gilbert Colvin, always has a purpose and an audience.
- Alongside this, children are taught about spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

Maths – how we teach maths at Gilbert Colvin

- We follow a progressive and ambitious scheme in years 1 – 6: Mathematics Mastery
- It promotes deep, mathematical thinking with connections made across the curriculum
- Lessons follow a 6-part structure, giving children lots of time for rich discussions and ‘doing’ the maths
- Children use manipulatives so they can ‘see’ the maths
- Focus on fluency, alongside problem solving and reasoning
- CPA approach (concrete, pictorial, abstract)

Homework

Homework is sent directly to parents each Friday via Arbor.

Please let us know if you are unable to access the homework.

Homework Expectations Per Learning Phase:

EYFS		
Time	Area	Task
Daily	Reading	1 x Read levelled RWI book 1 x Read along for pleasure book
	Phonics	High frequency words and sounds book
Weekly	Read Write Inc. Phonics	Weekly activity links given
Fortnightly	Maths	A piece of Maths homework will be sent home fortnightly. Other suggested activities to do at home.
Termly	Project/Creative	Suggested trip to a place of interest Outside learning Cooking together
Key Stage 1		
Time	Area	Task
Daily	Reading	2 x Read levelled RWI book or 1 x Accelerated Reader book 1 x Read along for pleasure book
	Phonics / Spellings	High frequency words and sounds book / spelling words given by class teacher
Weekly	Phonics (Year 1)	Read Write Inc. activities set
	Spellings	Spelling Shed activities
	SPAG	Answer set questions on www.spag.com
	Maths	Answer set questions on www.maths.co.uk
Termly	Project/Creative	Topic Research Suggested trip to a place of interest Creative project Outside learning Cooking together
Key Stage 2		
Time	Area	Task
Daily	Reading	Accelerated Reader book
	Spellings	Spelling Shed activities
	Times Tables practice	TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars)
Weekly	Reading	Accelerated Reader Quiz
	SPAG	Answer set questions on www.spag.com
	Maths	Answer set questions on www.maths.co.uk
Termly	Project/Creative	Topic Research Suggested trip to a place of interest Creative project Outside learning Cooking together Media/Computing Project



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Homework



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English

- Read your Accelerated Reader book every day and talk to someone at home about it and answer questions they ask you to check your understanding.
- Edshed.com– Play the games set
- Spag.com **Apostrophes and plurals A and B**

Have you tried these website games?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Maths

- Times Table Rock Stars
- Maths.co.uk **Number and place value A and Arithmetic A**

Homework

Year 5

Date: **11.9.26** Friday

Complete by: **16.9.26** Wednesday

Discuss with an adult....

How was your first week back at school? What feelings did you have? What was the highlight? What was disappointing? What are you looking forward to this year? What are your goals?

Next week, we are learning about...

In maths, Year 5 will learn to reason with 5 and 6 digit numbers, looking at the value of each digit.

In English, year 5 will read the first part of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, which is about a refugee child who comes to the UK from war-torn Syria.

Music

- We want all our pupils to enjoy a rich range of clubs and enrichment opportunities throughout their time at school. Every child in Years 3, 4 and 5 takes part in whole-class ensemble teaching in recorder, violin and cornet, and some pupils also learn piano with our peripatetic teacher. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, you can contact [Redbridge Music Services here](#). If enough families sign up, lessons can take place here in school. A letter with further details has already been sent home.
- Following another successful year with **Rocksteady**, children will have the chance to sign up again for next year.

Music

ROCK
STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

TAKES PLACE AT SCHOOL



IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

-  Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
-  Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
-  Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
-  Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
-  Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
PLACE ONLINE!



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com



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Dates of events and school trips

- *European Day of Languages and 'Bring and Share' event* – Friday 25th September
- *Black History Month* – October
- *Harvest Festival* – TBC October
- *Bake Sale* (fundraising event) – Friday 16th October
- Class library visits – 15th October Sycamore, 20th October Chestnut
- Class trips - Thursday 22 October | Year 5 Tower Bridge trip

How can I support my child this year?

- Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly (before 9am) so that they don't miss any learning
- Check Arbor daily for messages, email and homework
- Look at what your child will be learning each term by exploring our 'curriculum' part of the website
- Make sure your child reads every day and sign their reading record
- Talk to your child about what they have been learning each day
- Screen time at home could include Times Tables Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Hit the Button

Healthy Snacks

- We encourage pupils in Years 3-6 to bring a healthy and nutritious snack for break time to help maintain their energy and focus throughout the school day. Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with free fruit at break time, so they do not need to bring a snack from home. Nursery and Reception children who are aged 3 and 4 are provided with free milk every day.
- I would like to remind parents to avoid sending in foods that are high in sugar. Chocolate and sweets will be sent home.
- Healthy Snack Ideas:
 - Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, grapes)
 - Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper)
 - Plain rice cakes or oatcakes
 - Cheese cubes or a small portion of plain popcorn
- [This NHS webpage](#) is full of great ideas for healthier snacks for children - whether at home, picked up from the shops, or packed to take on the go.
- Thank you for supporting our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits!

Parent/school communication

For most communication, the school office will be parents' first port of call. You can email the admin team on Admin.GilbertColvin@redbridge.gov.uk or telephone directly. For anything class related, you can contact your teacher by sending an email to the office. If your query is about day-to-day arrangements including absence, changes to pick up arrangements, please let the office know.

If you have a concern and have already raised it with the class teacher, the phase leader should be contacted via the office. If a concern is escalated, one of the core leadership team will speak with parents.

Our [Complaints Policy](#) provides parents with clear guidance on how to raise a concern and outlines the steps involved in the process. However, the school is committed to addressing and resolving any issues before they escalate to a formal complaint.

As always, we ask that parents speak to all of our staff politely and respectfully, and of course, you should expect exactly the same from us!

Important notices

- Please send your child in wearing their PE kit on **Tuesday**
- Children can bring in their own water bottles. These can be filled at the sink in their classroom
- If parents want to speak to the class teacher, either speak to the teacher on the playground or arrange an appointment through the school office
- Check the weekly newsletter for important dates or the calendar on the school website
<https://www.gilbertcolvin.co.uk/information-for-parents/school-calendar>
- If parents have concerns about their child, speak to the class teacher. If it needs to be escalated, arrange a meeting with the phase leader. Concerns or queries may be passed on to the Assistant Head teacher, the Inclusion Manager, Deputy Head teacher or Head teacher.
- During the autumn term, children have **weekly** swimming lessons on a Monday. Please ensure that children have the correct kit (towel, swimming hat, costume/trunks and a large bag) and that any earrings are removed before children come to school for health and safety reasons.