Everyone belongs at Reay; we think creatively and have a thirst for learning.

Welcome back I hope you all had a wonderful Summer break and that you are excited for your child to be in Year 5. We are very much looking forward to having a positive and creative year. This year in the class we have Bruna and Trisha. Both know the children very well after spending last year supporting them.

Year 5 is full of exciting topics and opportunities and this term our topic will be based around The Tudors. Our science topic is Forces, in which we will be studying the effects of friction and gravity through lots of investigations. In Maths we will be focusing on place value. There are weekly spellings to learn based on the Year 5 spelling rules for example adding suffixes, prefixes, homophones and silent letters. These will go home on a Monday and the test will be the following Monday. There is also a statutory list of words that the children are expected to be able to spell by the end of year 6 (see attached). We will include these in writing and topics but please encourage your child to learn them by having them up around the house.

We ask that you hear your child read aloud every day for 15 minutes or so and that you continue to read to your child every day for as long as you like. Afterwards, please encourage them to complete an activity in their reading journal, we will look at these whenever the children want to share their work and on their guided reading day.

For maths, please keep going over their times tables and number facts as frequently as you like – it really helps to keep them fresh in their minds so that they can easily access them when needed both in life and maths lessons/tests. Games like Hit the Button are perfect for helping your child to recall their number facts so please do encourage them to play for ten minutes every day to increase both their speed and automaticity.

PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Year 5 are so lucky to have continued music lessons with specialists this year. Your child will have a small group lesson (day TBC) and whole class orchestra on Thursdays.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st September 2025 – INSET Day (School closed)
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET Day (School closed)
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – INSET Day (School closed)
Thursday 3rd September 2026-School open
Tuesday 15th September 2026 - Year 5 Parent/Carer coffee morning
Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 21st October 2026- Trip to Horniman museum
Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Parent/Carer meetings with the Teacher
Thursday 22nd October 2026-Last day of term
Thursday 23rd October 2026 – INSET day (School closed)

If you have any queries or issues please feel free to speak to us after school.

Kind regards
Year 5 team