



YEAR 5 Swifts

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Important diary dates and reminders

Hooke Court Residential- Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May

Auction of Promises- Saturday 16th May

May Half term- Monday 25th May – Friday 29th

INSET day- Monday 1st June

Woolmer Hill Talk- Monday 3rd June. Woolmer Hill School presenting to the children.

Sports Day- Friday 5th June

Back-up Sports Day- Friday 12th June

Woolmer Hill Visit- Monday 15th June. Children to visit Woolmer Hill School 8:45 – 12:40.

KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts): Next term our KIRFs are: *I can recall metric conversions*. I have added these to the end of the newsletter. Please support your child with the learning of these key facts.

These will be tested on the last week of term.

Weekly Meal Choices: A gentle reminder to please ensure you book your child's meal choices for the week via Arbor. Ideally, we'd love for you to be able to book for a half-term or even a whole term in advance. However, having your weekly meal choices confirmed ahead of time will really help us manage the week more smoothly and reduce last-minute changes.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Class update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We love a short week, and as you can imagine, the excitement for what's coming next week has been growing by the day!

In English this week, the children took on the role of a Bard from ancient cultures and penned a new chapter for Beowulf, complete with a brand-new monster for him to fight. We looked back at the opening of the book and discussed how it reflects the way the story would originally have been told aloud by a Bard, and how Michael Morpurgo continues to write in the spirit of this tradition. The children then experimented with using kennings and figurative noun phrases in their own chapters, helping them to capture the rich, dramatic storytelling style of the original poem.

In maths this week, the children have been building confidence with decimal places. They practised subtracting decimals with the same number of decimal places before moving on to adding and subtracting different numbers of decimal places. Along the way, they were encouraged to choose

efficient strategies, including careful place-value alignment. It's been great to see their accuracy improve as their confidence has grown.

Finally, with Year 5 heading off on their exciting five-day residential next week, there's no home learning this week. Instead, it's all about resting up, packing bags, getting prepped -and sharing plenty of hugs and squeezes- before their AMAZING adventure begins!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Breslaw

Spellings *(To be tested on the last week of term)*

Rule: Words that are homophones

Please complete the assignments set on Spelling Shed and enjoy playing the games!

Green- all spellings	Orange- any 8 spellings	Red- any 6 spellings
bridal		
bridle		
guessed		
guest		
heard		
herd		
morning		
mourning		
passed		
past		



Key Instant Recall Facts

Year 5 – Summer 2

I can recall metric conversions.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

Mass

1 kilogram = 1000 grams

Length/Distance

1 kilometre = 1000 metres

1 metre = 100 centimetres

1 metre = 1000 millimetres

1 centimetre = 10 millimetres

Capacity

1 litre = 1000 millilitres

They should also be able to apply these facts to answer questions.

e.g. How many metres in $1\frac{1}{2}$ km?

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Look at the prefixes – Can your child work out the meanings of *kilo-*, *centi-* and *milli-*? What other words begin with these prefixes?

Be practical – Do some baking and convert the measurements in the recipe.

How far? – Calculate some distances using unusual measurements. How tall is your child in mm? How far away is London in metres?