



# Lowther Primary School

## Year 5 News

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### Year 5 Learning This Half-Term

**Welcome back!** We hope you all had a lovely rest over the Summer holidays and are ready to start the new school year. Your children began the new school year agreeing class rules, deciding areas of responsibility (monitors) and working on a special project, inventing a brand new school product. After designing their product, measuring dimensions, deciding costings and putting together a powerpoint, the children presented their ideas to their class on Friday. We were left pondering how we have ever survived without an extended, mechanical glove which gets us drinks of water from our seats or mathematical cubes which turn into tables in the classroom and Frisbees in the playground! This week, we get stuck into the Year 5 curriculum.



This robot will write down what we're thinking (and then it will self-destruct!)

**CURRICULUM:** In Year 5, during the first half of the Autumn term, we centre a lot of cross-curricular learning on our Literacy unit, Greek myths and legends. In History, we will be learning about Ancient Greece, in Art we will be learning about art and sculpture in Ancient Greece and in Design Technology we will be designing our own labyrinth. In Maths we begin with number, place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division in numbers up to 6-digits. In PE, we are learning netball skills and in music we shall be looking at soft rock anthems.

### General notices

**Homework:** In Year 5, homework gets handed out on Thursdays and needs to be returned on Monday. The children should expect a weekly Literacy homework, Maths homework, Spellings and some Science vocabulary words. If homework books are not handed in on time, they cannot be marked. Homework is compulsory in Year 5 and any homework not completed will need to be completed in school.

**Reading:** Since introducing our expectation that all children read for at least 10 minutes each evening, there has been significant improvement in the reading skills of children in KS2. Each child should get a parent/carer to sign their yellow Reading Record each evening, and once at the weekend, to show their child has read. If Records are not signed, children will have to read for an additional 10 minutes in school. Year 5 has brand new collections of reading books and the choice for your children has never been better. Please help us to keep it that way by taking care not to lose borrowed books and to return them once read.

**Times tables & spellings:** By the end of Year 5, the expectation is that all children should have learned their times tables up to 12 x 12 by heart. This means they could answer a multiplication question without having to count on or use their fingers. Whilst not all children will be ready for this, practising times tables regularly at home can make a significant difference to your child's maths success. Regular practising of spellings at home can also significantly boost their writing. Please help your child to practise their times tables and spellings at home.

**PE:** PE kits are brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday. PE is a vital part of your child's learning journey at school. If, for any reason, your child cannot take part in PE any week, please write a note for your child's teacher.

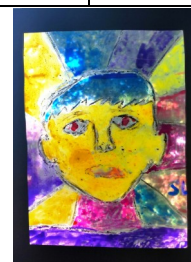
**Timetable:** timetables for both classes will be available in the Curriculum Forecast packs next week.

**Trips:** This half term, on 22nd October, we will be enjoying an on-site drama about the Citizens of Athens thanks to the Theatre Exchange Company and in Autumn 2, we will be going to the Science Museum on 21st November, to tie in with our learning about Forces.

Many thanks for all your support, Judy Puddephatt & Paul Nelson

### Dates for your diary

16th Sept	Yr 5/6 Curriculum Forecast (2.30pm)
13th/14th October	Parents Consultations
23rd October	Harvest Assembly
27th—31st October	Half term holidays
14th November	Take Over Day
28th November	Mufti Day (Xmas fair tombola)
4th December	Xmas Panto
5th December	Christmas Fair
16th December	KS2 Christmas Party
17th December	School Christmas lunch
18th December	Church service



Sam in 5P made this stunning self-portrait using ink on Perspex.

### Joke of the Week:

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Nun

Nun who?

None of your business!

- Leeza, Year 5P