

Class BR Newsletter

Welcome To Year 5 Everybody!

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone! It's so exciting to welcome you and your child to Year 5. We hope that you've had a fantastic summer and are ready for a new school year at High Spen. We are raring to go and look forward to working with you as your child begins the next stage of their time with us. This newsletter contains information about some of the things happening this term in Class BR and explains class routines.

Why BR?

In case you're wondering about the class name, it represents Bobby Robson, the North East football manager, coach and player who was chosen a few years ago as one of our very own High Spen Heroes. He is fondly remembered across the North East for his compassion, commitment and love of life.

This term's topics - Prehistoric Britain and Our World

We start the year off with two BIG, exciting topics - Prehistoric Britain and Our World! That's plenty to get our teeth into!

First up is Prehistoric Britain in which we'll be looking at the changes that took place between the Stone Age and Iron Age. We will discover how people lived and how life gradually changed over time.

Later in the term, we will switch our focus to the geography of our planet. We'll be expanding our locational knowledge using maps, globes and atlases. This will help with our in-depth study of the Americas in Spring term.

In addition, we'll be swimming, cooking, crafting pots, investigating materials in Science and designing computer games. It's going to be an exciting term!



Prehistoric Britain and Our World



Autumn term 2026

Weekly Timetable

- ☉Monday
Homework in
Tuesday
Swimming (Prudhoe)
- ☉Wednesday
Homework out
- ☉Thursday
PE (Mrs Scott)
- Friday
Library
Heroes Assembly

Dates for your diary

Swimming starts
8th September

Forest School
18th and 25th Sept

Half term
26th Oct - 30th Oct

Pickle Palace
Autumn 2 - dates to come

End of term
18th December

More to follow

BR Team

As is always the case at High Spen, teaching in BR this term will be a team effort! I (Mr Cradock) will be with the class each day as will Ms Hackney much of the time.

On Thursday afternoons, Mrs Scott will take the class for RE and PE. On Tuesday mornings, teachers at Prudhoe Pool will lead our weekly swimming sessions.

PE

PE this term will be Swimming (on Tuesdays afternoons) and Tag Rugby and Basketball on Thursday afternoons. On Thursdays, children should come to school in their PE kit (a plain red t-shirt/hoody with black joggers, shorts or leggings and outdoor trainers). On Tuesdays, children should come in uniform and bring a towel and swimming kit. If your child cannot take part in PE for any reason, please let us know the reasons why.

Homework

Once we have settled back in, we will send out weekly homework tasks on Wednesdays to be completed and returned by the following Monday. Please look out for these and encourage your child to organise time at home to complete the activities.

The tasks will link to, and support, our current learning in Maths and English and will include weekly reading too. Please help your child build good habits as a learner. This includes getting into the routine of returning homework on time so that we can then go through it in class altogether.

And finally . . .

We are really looking forward to working with you all to make this year a positive and successful one for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch us in the yard, or to make an appointment if you feel that works better for you.

Mr Cradock, Ms Hackney and the rest of the BR Team