



Welcome to Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning



27th August 2026

Who are your child's key adults?

Year 5 Teachers and TAs



Mr Daniel
Head of Year 5
5D Class Teacher



Ms Caitlin
5C Class
Teacher



Ms Tram
5C Teaching
Assistant



Ms Hong
5D Teaching
Assistant

Who are your child's other key adults?



Ms Leanne
Head of EY & Primary



Mr Luke
Key Stage 2 Assistant Head
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Rhona
EIP Teacher



Mr Chris
Cover Teacher



Ms Alex
Music



Ms Aimee
PE



Ms Courtney
PE



Mr Andy
Director of Sport



Mr Jamie
PE



Ms Jenny
Swimming



Mr Minh
Swimming



Mr Thanh
Swimming



Ms J
Librarian



Nurse Cris



Ms Celena
EY & Primary
Office Manager



Ms Huynh
Office



Ms Julie
Office

What Can You Expect in Year 5?

Year 5 is an exciting milestone as children begin their journey through Upper Key Stage 2. It is often a year in which parents notice significant growth, as children become more independent, confident and responsible, both academically and socially.

Alongside engaging topics, memorable learning experiences and new opportunities to take on responsibility, Year 5 helps children develop the resilience, maturity and learning habits that prepare them for a successful final year of primary school.



What Will Your Child Learn This Year?

Core Subjects



English

Children will explore rich texts including *The Matchbox Diary*, *Beowulf*, *A Story Like the Wind*, *The Highwayman*, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* and *Ada's Violin*. These inspiring texts will provide the stimulus for letters, descriptions, narratives, diary entries, reports, explanations and poetry, helping children develop as confident readers and writers.



Maths

Year 5 builds confidence and fluency across all areas of mathematics. Children will deepen their understanding of number, calculation, fractions, decimals, percentages, shape, measure and statistics, while developing reasoning, problem-solving and mathematical thinking.



Science

Children will investigate the world around them through practical enquiry.

Topics include Materials, Living Things, Forces, Earth and Space, and Animals including Humans, encouraging curiosity, investigation and scientific thinking.

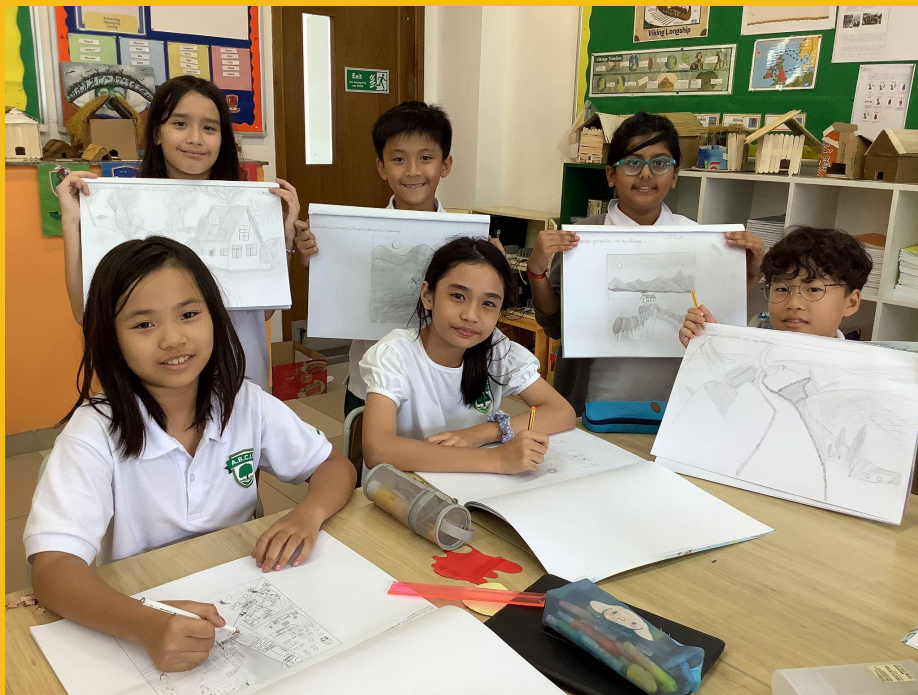
Humanities & Languages

- **History** - Children will travel through time to explore the worlds of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, Tudor and Georgian Britain, and the fascinating Maya Civilisation. They will investigate historical sources and discover how these civilisations have shaped the world we live in today.
- **Geography** - Children will deepen their understanding of the world by exploring rivers, with a particular focus on Vietnam, before discovering the countries, landscapes, climates and cultures of North and Central America.
- **Vietnamese** - Children will continue to develop their Vietnamese language skills building confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing while deepening their understanding of Vietnamese culture and everyday life.



Creative & Digital

- **Art** - Children will experiment with a wide range of artistic techniques through drawing, painting, printing, collage, sculpture and digital media. They will take inspiration from artists including Escher, Georgia O'Keeffe and J. M. W. Turner to create imaginative and expressive artwork.
- **Design & Technology** - Children will become designers, engineers and chefs as they design, make and evaluate Anglo-Saxon homes, stuffed toys, moving mechanisms and Mexican-inspired dishes, developing creativity, practical skills and problem-solving throughout the year.
- **Music** - Children will learn to play the ukulele, compose music using GarageBand, explore Indian music, and perform regularly through class assemblies and the end-of-year production.
- **Computing** - Children will develop their digital skills through coding, artificial intelligence, data handling, animation, web design and digital creativity, while continuing to learn how to stay safe and responsible online.



Personal Development & PE

- **PSHE** - Children will develop the confidence, resilience and knowledge to thrive both in and beyond school. They will explore online safety, diversity, teamwork, wellbeing, healthy lifestyles and personal aspirations, helping them become kind, responsible and reflective members of the community.
- **Physical Education** - Children will develop teamwork, resilience and sporting skills through basketball, tennis, handball, cricket, dance, athletics and outdoor adventurous activities, while learning the importance of fair play and an active lifestyle.
- **Swimming** - Children will continue to progress through our Swim Pathways programme, developing confidence, technique and stamina, before applying their skills through personal survival and water polo, while strengthening their understanding of water safety.



What Trips and Special Experiences Will Your Child Have?



River Fieldwork Experience

As part of their Geography learning, children will explore the Saigon River, investigating how rivers shape landscapes, support communities and have played an important role in the development of Ho Chi Minh City.

Further information, including dates and arrangements, will be shared with parents closer to the time.

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Year 5 Residential – Mũi Né

One of the highlights of Year 5 is the overnight residential to Mũi Né, where children develop independence, resilience and teamwork through exciting outdoor adventures. This year, we are delighted to be working with Asia Motions, who also deliver our Secondary expeditions. In response to parent feedback, a professional photographer will capture the experience, with regular photo updates shared through a secure parent portal. We hold a dedicated parent coffee morning closer to the trip to share all the exciting details and answer any questions.

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U11 FOBISIA Games 2027

Following the huge success of last year's FOBISIA Games, we are excited to be looking to send another squad to Thailand in June 2026. The Games are a friendly international festival of sport, welcoming children of a range of sporting abilities, with opportunities to compete, make new friends and represent ABCIS with pride.

Mr Andy will share further information with Year 5 and Year 6 families later in the year. In the meantime, check out the Panthers Instagram page to see the highlights from last year's unforgettable experience.

Supporting Learning at Home

Look out for our new, improved Termly Curriculum Overviews, designed to give you a clear picture of what your child will be learning each term. We have also included a dedicated 'Supporting Learning at Home' page, packed with practical tips, useful websites and simple ways you can reinforce learning and encourage a love of learning at home.



Year 5 Curriculum Overview

Term 1 2026-27

Discover what your child will be learning this term.

English

Writing - The Matchbox Diary and Beowulf
In English, children will read The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman, a story about an Italian immigrant moving to America in the early 1900s, using it to write letters, descriptions, and diary entries. They will also read Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, linking with their history topic on the Vikings to discover legendary heroes and write diary entries and story extracts.
Key Vocabulary: immigrant, journey, memories, hero, warrior, courage, legend, folklore

Reading
As children begin Year 5, they will continue to deepen their reading comprehension through four guided reading lessons each week and a weekly library session. The focus will be on developing higher order reading skills, including inference, explanation, prediction, summarising and evaluating an author's language and choices.

Spelling and Handwriting
Children will continue to develop accurate spelling and a fluent, legible handwriting style through three spelling lessons and two Letter Join handwriting lessons each week. As Year 5 pupils, they will further develop confidence and consistency when writing in pen. Weekly spellings will be sent home as part of homework to support regular practice.
Unit: ??





Supporting Learning at Home

Useful websites, activities and ways to help your child.

Make Reading Part of Everyday Life
Encourage your child to read for pleasure, not just as part of their homework. Build reading into your daily routine and choose physical books wherever possible to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Show an interest in what they are reading by asking about the story, characters and what they think might happen next. Talking about books together is one of the best ways to develop confident, enthusiastic readers.

Useful Websites

English	Key Stage 2 English - Topmarks Search Activities for 9-12 years - I Words for Life
Maths	Key Stage 2 Maths - Topmarks Search Primary Students I NRICH Times Tables Rock Stars
Science	Key Stage 2 Science - Topmarks Search
History	National Geographic Kids
Art	Scratch Code.org Tate Kids Chrome Music Lab DK Learning

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Learning at Home
It makes a big difference. Encourage your child to use words in different ways, such as saying, writing, or drawing them, rather than simply copying them out.
Practise at home. Spending just a few minutes each day focusing on fluency, joined handwriting, punctuation and presentation across all subjects.



A Few Helpful Reminders

 Homework is set every Friday and should be returned by Wednesday in your child's purple homework book.

 Google Classroom is used regularly to share learning, resources and occasional assignments. Please ensure your child has access to a computer or device at home.

 A copy of the weekly timetable is included inside homework books to help remember PE and swimming days.

 If your child is finding homework challenging, please encourage them to speak to their teacher as soon as possible.

 Medication must be given directly to the School Nurse with a completed medication form, available on the school website.

 Birthdays are celebrated on Fridays. Please contact your child's teacher at least one week in advance if you would like to arrange a class celebration.

 Celebrate Success! We love hearing about our children's achievements outside of school. Whether it is sport, music, performing arts, languages or another accomplishment, please do share it with us—we enjoy celebrating these successes with the wider school community.

 Need to contact us? Please contact the School Office at office@theabcis.com , or email your child's class teacher directly: danielrichards@theabcis.com or caitlinbrookes@theabcis.com . We are always happy to help.