



Year 5 Autumn 1 2026



Welcome back to a new year at Mundella! We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and that you and your children are ready for an exciting new year!



Literacy– We will begin our literacy learning in year 5 by reading and responding to a beautiful picture book called ‘Varmints’ by Helen Ward. After our visit to Eyam, we will write persuasive leaflets to encourage others to visit the village. Finally we will write our own traditional stories inspired by the text ‘Tales from the Caribbean’.

Maths– We will begin our maths learning this year by developing our understanding of place value and the number system by learning to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000. We will then recap, consolidate and extend our use of the four operations: addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

History– In history we will learn about the plague in the village of Eyam; finding out about the selfless lengths the villagers had to go to in order to protect others from the disease and including a visit to the village! In class, we will look at different historical sources and evaluate their reliability in telling us about the past. We will also analyse statistical data from the time discussing what we can learn about the spread of the disease.

Science– Our Science this term will focus around living things and their habitats. We will learn about reproduction of plants and animals, life cycles and metamorphosis. After this, we will learn about the work of Jane Goodall, an animal behaviourist, and think about her impact on conservation.

Music– In year 5, children will develop musical skills so that by the end of the year they can play the cornet. The children will begin this journey by exploring the pulse, rhythms and beats in music through games, singing and playing simple tunes using Boom Whackers and PBuzz instruments.

DT– In design and technology this half term we will be learning how to create wooden frame structures by creating a model village of Eyam.

RE– In our Religious Education this half term we will be thinking about what it means if Christians believe God is loving and holy. We will analyse and compare psalms and passages of the bible and respond by creating art work.

RSHE– In Relationships, Sex and Health Education this term children will learn about friendships and wellbeing.

PE– Indoor PE will be athletics and outdoors will be hockey. Please ensure that your child wears their school P.E kit (white t-shirt/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a black jumper as well as trainers) on their PE days.

Computing — This half term we will focus on using the internet, online safety in relation to social media, copyright and what this means. Finally, children will make their own wiki-page.

Reading-

We ask that all children read at home at least 3 times per week and write the name of the book and pages read in their reading diary. **Reading diaries should be signed by an adult and brought into school every Friday.**

Homework–

An ideas sheet will be sent home via email. Your child should complete their homework ready for the showcase in school on the last week of the half term.

PE Days

Mrs O'Shea & Y5 Otters

Tuesday (outdoor)
& Thursday (indoor)



Mrs Jones & Y5 Jaguars

Wednesday (indoor)
& Thursday (outdoor)

