



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 2, 2026

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This half term, we are learning:

English: In English, we initially continue our sentence stacking based around the book, *'Kick'* by Mitch Johnson. Our work will then focus on poetry through using *'The Write Stuff'*.

Maths: This term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: coordinates; translation, reflection and statistics.

Science: We will be completing our STEM unit of work. The project is called: *'Eggstronauts'*.

History: We are looking at local historical people of interest.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based the diverse continent of South America.

Art / D&T: We will be learning all about abstract art and healthy food options in DT.

Music: The children will be learning how to perform using vocal and body percussion.

French: In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with the Olympic games.

PSHE: The children will be learning about *'Changing Me'*.

PE: In PE this half-term, the pupils will be doing cricket with Mr Cross.

RE: This half-term, the focus of the pupils' learning in RE will be: *'Belief in our Community'*.

Computing: During this half-term, we will be learning all about how to stay safe when we are online.

Message from the teachers:

As we approach the end of the school year, we've been reflecting on all the fantastic experiences we've shared and the wonderful memories we've created together. One of the standout moments was definitely the mobile planetarium visit, which really brought our learning to life in an exciting and memorable way. Our trip to Tamworth Castle was another real highlight, and we were lucky enough to enjoy beautiful weather on the day too. We've also had great fun during our hands-on DT days, where everyone enthusiastically took part in sewing projects and even designed and built their own bridges. Forest School continues to be a favourite, giving us the opportunity to explore the outdoors, develop teamwork skills and enjoy learning in a different environment. There's still plenty more to look forward to this half-term! We're excited for Sports Day, upcoming inter-school competitions and making the most of the warmer weather with more outdoor learning opportunities. Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement have made such a positive difference, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

Suggested Home Learning Activities:

The most valuable thing you can do to support your child's learning is to encourage them to read regularly. We hope that every child has the opportunity to read for at least 15–20 minutes each day at home. In school, our Year 5 pupils have enjoyed starting the day with independent reading and ending it by sharing their class reader together.

In Maths, practising times tables, number bonds, and telling the time can make a big difference to your child's confidence and progress. We encourage all pupils to take advantage of the school's Times Tables Rock Stars subscription — an excellent and engaging way to improve their multiplication skills.

Each week, we set two pieces of homework: one paper-based and one on Purple Mash. Please support your child in completing these tasks as they help reinforce their learning in class. Thank you for your continued support!