



# Grasmere Primary School

## Class Information for Parents / Carers

Date: January 2026 Teacher: Danny Class: Year 5

### A message from your child's teacher:

Year 5 have had a superb first term – it's been a whirlwind. Matilda in the West End, learning lines for our assembly, the Kapla workshop, writing to our new pen-pals in Madrid and even winning the Golden Token Trophy and bowling trip at the end of term. Spring term promises to be just as fun and exciting – buckle-up!

### English

Our first book this term is *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. The book focuses on a boy named Michael who is washed ashore on a seemingly deserted Pacific island. Later in the term, we will be reading *Tales from the Caribbean* by Trish Cooke, a collection of traditional stories from the many islands of the Caribbean. Throughout the term, pupils will explore a range of these tales, focusing on characters, themes and storytelling techniques. The stories will be used as inspiration for pupils to write their own Caribbean tales, create alternative endings and build stamina and confidence in extended writing. Children will be encouraged to edit, adapt and refine their work, further developing their skills in crafting a variety of genres for different audiences and purposes. Grammar knowledge will be carefully and creatively embedded into daily lessons to ensure learning is both contextualised and engaging.

### Reading

Children are expected to read at home every night and discuss their reading with an adult. It is important that they fully understand the text and become familiar with new vocabulary. Regular reading helps children develop their understanding of different stories and text types, while also encouraging a love of reading – a vital skill for progress across the whole curriculum.

### Maths

In Maths this term we will continue our work on multiplication and division. We will also be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. This will include, understanding what a fraction is, counting in fractions converting between proper/improper and mixed fractions and finally adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Later in the term we will progress to ordering and comparing decimals and knowing common equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages.

**You can help your child at home by:** Encouraging them to learn and remember all their times table and division facts, out of sequence and ensuring that they complete their Maths homework each week. If your child needs help with their homework, please ask them to come and speak to me before Tuesday.

### Foundation Subjects

This term in Science, pupils will be studying Space, Properties of Materials and Living Things and their Habitats, while in Religious Education they will be learning about Christianity and Belief in our community. Our history topic surrounds the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. In Computing, children will develop their coding skills through working with micro:bits, and the term will also include Creativity Week, providing opportunities for imaginative, collaborative and engaging learning experiences.

### PE: Our P.E. days are Wednesday (gymnastics), and Cricket (Friday)

It is very important that all children have a complete change of clothes for PE, for safety and hygiene including trainers or plimsolls. Please provide your child with a hair band if they long hair and ensure they do not wear any jewellery.

School starts promptly at 9.00am and ends at 3.30pm.  
Please inform the school if your child is sick.