

Macaulay Term 3 Class Newsletter



YEAR 5

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to the new term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday. The children have returned with great enthusiasm and have already begun exploring exciting new topics across the curriculum. In History, they are learning about the **Shang Dynasty**, discovering how this early Chinese civilization lived, their social structure, inventions, and the development of writing. In Science, the children are exploring the **Great Barrier Reef**, learning about its incredible biodiversity, the importance of conservation, and how humans impact fragile ecosystems. In Geography, they are studying **Space**, investigating the planets, stars, and the wider universe, and exploring concepts such as gravity and the solar system.

To enrich their learning, we have some exciting experiences planned. The children will be visiting a local **Buddhist temple** to learn more about different cultures and beliefs. Later in the term, they will also take part in a **residential trip to Osmington Bay**, which promises to be an unforgettable experience full of outdoor activities, team-building challenges, and opportunities to develop independence and resilience.

Please take a moment to review the curriculum guides on the school website for more details on what the children will be learning this term.

Many thanks for your continued support

Ms Warde

Term 3

Spring

2026

Science Topic

Earth and Space

History Topic

The Shang Dynasty

Geography Topic

The Great Barrier Reef

Key dates in Spring term



Reading - Reading every night for 5-10 minutes is really important, particularly in order to further the children's range of vocabulary. Please use the parent advice booklet for more ideas on targeting specific areas of your child's reading.

- ◆ **Class Trip to the Buddhapadipa Temple– Thursday 15th January**
- ◆ **Trip to National Theatre - Wednesday 21st January**
- ◆ **World Book Day: Friday 6th March**
- ◆ **Class workshare - TBC**
- ◆ **V & NON-VR - verbal and non-verbal reasoning tutoring begins after February Half Term**
- ◆ **Parent Conferences: Thursday 5th March**

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HAMPTON COURT PALACE TRIP

