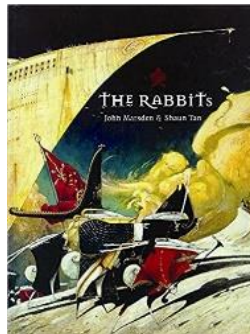


Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2026

A warm welcome back after the summer holidays, to the autumn term at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children have made a fantastic start to this academic year and are settling in wonderfully.

English

Our class text this half term is 'The Rabbits' by John Marsden and Shaun Tan. This term, we will use the beautiful illustrations to support our fiction writing. Using our text as a stimulus, we will be learning to construct a variety of sentence structures including adjectival phrases and non-finite clauses, to create engaging narratives for our readers. To support our learning we will use a range of art, drama and multimedia to inspire and capture their creativity. We have already started reading our class novel; Lama Out Loud by Annabelle Sami



Maths

In maths we will be developing and mastering our understanding of place value. These are important foundations for all the concepts we will be learning this year. All children will have an opportunity to collaborate with peers to solve real-life problems, further deepen their understanding and refine key skills.

PE



Year 5 will have PE on **Fridays**, when we will be practising our Tennis skills. Children need to arrive at school wearing their PE kits. **Swimming** will begin this term and will also take place on **Tuesday**. Please can all children bring their swimming kits into school every Tuesday.

Homework

Maths – This will be set on Mathletics every **Monday**. All children have their log in, which is the same as last year.

Reading and Comprehension homework will be set on **Friday** and is due in the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings – Children will receive a weekly spellings sheet to complete. They will need to learn these spellings thoroughly and complete the application task in their exercise books. All children are expected to complete their homework as it is an extension of their learning in school.

Reading – Children will receive a comprehension task which will need to be completed in the exercise book that will be sent home. Please ensure that presentation is of the highest standard and that work is completed in blue/black pen using letter join.

Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and write in their reading diary. Your child can change their book as soon as they've read it at home. As well as reading their 'banded' book, children are encouraged to read magazines, newspapers and non-banded books which are available in the classroom.

Topic

This autumn term our enquiry-based curriculum will focus on Slavery. In topic we will be learning about the Vikings and using our historical skills to investigate questions such as 'Who were the Vikings?' and 'Did the Vikings capture slaves?' and they will identify the role of slavery in Viking society. In science, we will be building on our prior knowledge of animals including humans. We will investigate life cycles, gestation periods and the development of