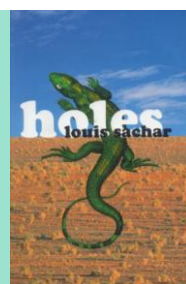


YEAR 5 Autumn NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome to the Autumn term and welcome back to New Delaval. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and are ready to go! I am very happy to be working in Year 5 again this year. I have worked at New Delaval for a long time now but I am still excited about getting to know our new Year 5's!! This term brings two exciting new topics which we will be studying – firstly, “Crime and Punishment” will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring “Our Changing World” topic.

One of our class texts this term will be ‘**Holes**’ by Louis Sachar to link with our crime and punishment topic. After half term, we will read ‘**Coming to England**’ by Floella Benjamin, linked to our migration topic.



In our ‘Crime and Punishment’ topic, children will learn:

- How crime and punishment has developed and changed from Roman Britain to our modern world today.
- How our current legal system works and who helps keep us safe.
- The main advances within prisons today compared to Victorian Britain.

In ‘Our Changing World’ topic, children will consider...

- Reasons why people migrate.
- The journey of refugees to Britain.
- The impact climate changing is having on our world.
- Map work – locating countries using geographical skills, where many refugees come from.



Other curriculum learning in Yr5:

- Daily Basic skills sessions
- Commando Joes and NUF sessions.
- English genres such as suspense, poetry and information texts.
- Daily SPaG sessions
- Daily ERIC questions
- Chances to work on Reading Plus, TTRS and Mathletics.
- Computing: Coding and spreadsheets.

Our science topics this term will be ‘Animals including Humans’ and ‘Evolution and Inheritance’.

Organisation: PE will be on a **Monday** afternoon and **Wednesday** afternoon.

Spellings lists will be handed out for children to practise at home. Please encourage this as much as possible. There will be a focused session every week for children to further explore spelling patterns within these lists. Homework will be distributed before Friday and will vary between paper handouts, TTRS, Mathletics, purple maths and work set on Google Classroom. Please ensure homework is returned on a **Tuesday** to avoid missing break. There is an opportunity to complete homework during break times if necessary.

Children will receive a home reading book and reading diary, which they must bring to school every day. We encourage reading daily at home and **expect 3 sessions** to be signed in their reading records/diaries or they will receive a break time consequence.