



Livingstone Life Year 5 Autumn 2026

Welcome back! It's great to see you all!



Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely summer holidays full of making memories! We will be using our first few days to get to know everyone and settle into our routines and expectations. We're excited to settle into year 5 with our first topic " Our World". Where we will be investigating our local environment through both our science and geography topics.

Reading at home

Reading

We expect that your child will be reading 3 times a week at home. The recording of this can be done by them in their reading records where they may write:

- *What book they're reading*
 - *The date*
 - *What pages they've read*
 - *And most importantly a short summary of what they have read - this could be a sentence or even a drawing.*
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Further guidance will be in their reading records.

PE Days

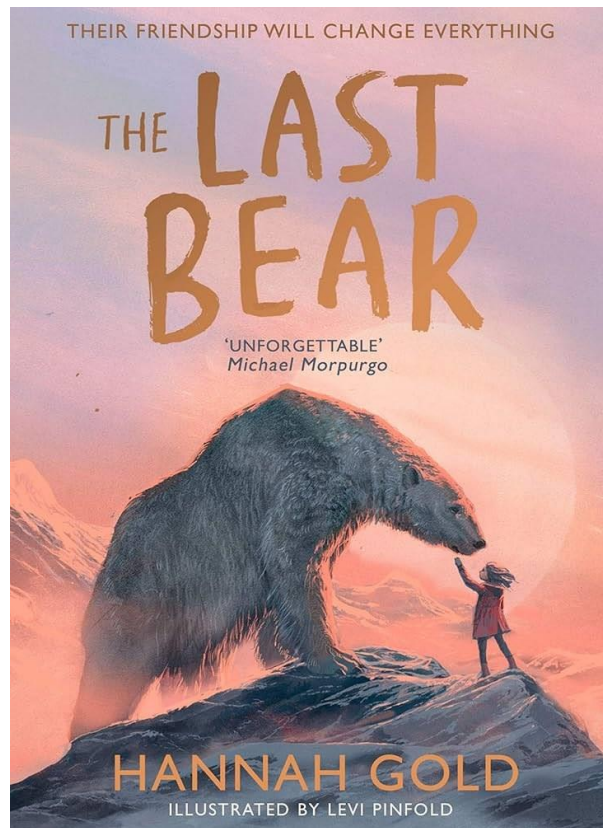
Our PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday. As a reminder these are the only two days that children should come into school wearing their PE kit.

Reading



Our first book of the year is the brilliant *Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. It tells the story of a young girl who moves to a remote polar island with her father. During her stay, she forms an unlikely friendship with a bear. The book explores themes including human impact on the wild places of the world.

In our lessons, we will be continuing to look at all the reading skills and practising answering a range of questions about the texts we will read.



1 - *The Last Bear* - by Hannah Gold

English



Writing

This half term we have two different exciting pieces of writing. For the first half of the term we are going to be creating first person narratives based on the story of the bear from our class novel, *The Last Bear* and creating our very own chapters. In the last three weeks of term, we will writing travel blogs by recounting an event from the Last Bear.



Maths



Maths

This half term we will be learning about:

- Shape including; 3D shapes, regular and irregular 2D shapes as well as coordinates.

- Place value of numbers up to 1 million
- Reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 1 million.
- Mental and writing addition and subtraction

Our learning this half term



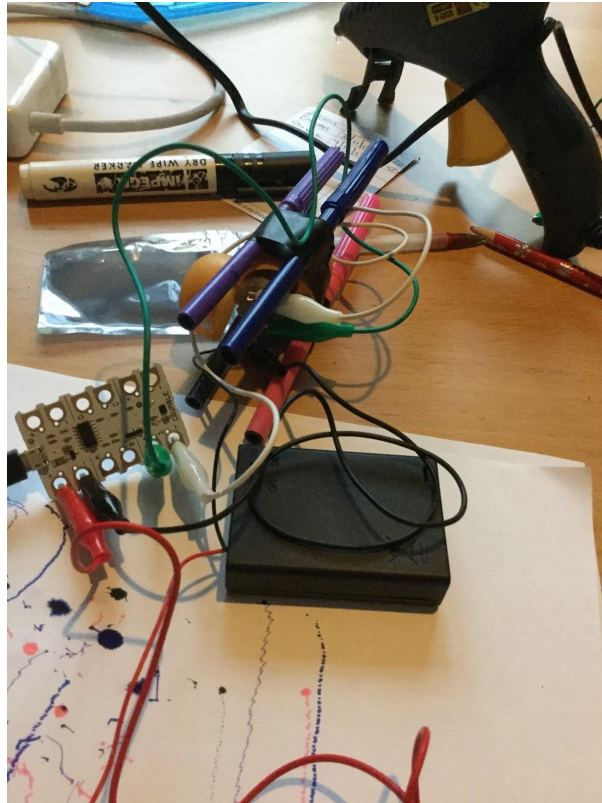
Science - We will be working scientifically and investigating forces. So children will be getting hands-on and taking part in different experiments relating to gravity, air and water resistance.



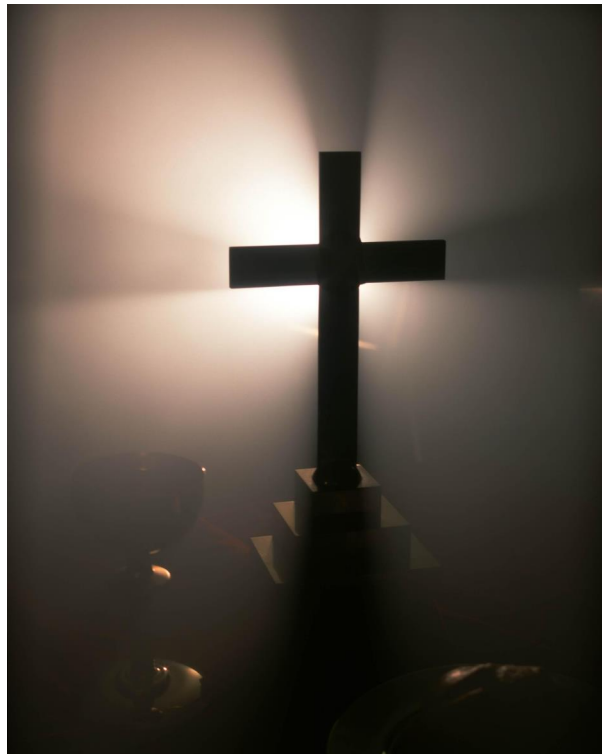
2 - Save the Bees

Geography - We will be learning about the importance of pollinators in our world and identify the factors affecting bee populations. We will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the local area and promote actions that can be taken to protect bees.

D&T– In Design and Technology we will be designing making our own marble runs. This will include choosing appropriate materials, tools and joins



Computing - The children will using different software to edit videos whilst we also discuss the importance of online safety.



RE

Our first topic is Judaism and we will be learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

RHE

We will be learning all about relationships. We will discuss different ways to show people we care. We will also learn about different strategies we can use when we need help.

