



Welcome to  
Year 5 at  
Hethersett VC  
Primary School

September 2025

Dear Lions

We are looking forward to seeing you all back at school and to starting our year together. The return to school for your children marks the beginning of a busy yet enjoyable year for all.

The following information is intended as a brief guide to what will be happening during the Autumn Term.

Mrs Simons will be teaching the Lion class on a Monday and Wednesday, whilst Mrs Mayes will teach on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' open evening for parents to 'drop in' to visit your child's classroom from 3:30 to 5:15 on Thursday 4th September.

If you have any queries about anything in the letter or need more information at any point in the term, please don't hesitate to catch us after school or contact us via email.

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### Reading

During the first weeks of term, all children will be given a reading record and a reading band book. This will be based on the reading band level the children were on at the end of Year 4. We will move children up book bands where necessary once we have heard them read. There are two types of books the children have at school.

**1) Reading band books** – these can be handed back in at school to the relevant tray in classrooms and changed during the week as normal.

**2) Library/Class library books** – we will have the opportunity to visit the library as a class once a week. This is an opportunity for the children to get a new book from the library if they need one. Whilst children are waiting for a class library session, they can utilise our fantastic class library bookshelf. **Please ensure that children read with an adult at least 3 times per week (with adults signing/commenting please).**

**Three reads = 1 HP, Four to six reads = 2HP, Seven reads = 3HP**

**Records will be checked on Mondays and house points given.**

Homework, Spelling and TTRS

In Year 5, children will be set Maths homework alongside spellings and Times Table Rockstars. Children will be set 1 piece from the CGP Maths book to complete each week. This will be set and marked on a Thursday.

Spellings will be following a similar approach to the system started in Year 4. Words and test dates will be sent home shortly and there will be a weekly test on Friday mornings.

Times Table Rockstars – children have home access to Times Table Rockstars in which they can brush up or learn their times tables. We will also be dedicating some time in class towards this. The children's logins will be stuck in their Reading Records. Please see below the house point tariff for Times Table Rockstars:

**Logging into play three times a week = 1 HP**

**Logging into play between four to six times a week = 2 HPs**

**Logging into play seven times a week = 3 HPs**

There are several different modes to play. 'Jamming' allows children to choose which times tables they want to practise. 'Garage' will use an algorithm to bring in new times table as and when the children are ready and build towards completing their 12 x 12 heatmap. 'Studio' will test children on their 1-12 times tables and enable them to get a 'studio score' which places them on the school leader board where they can compete against peers and staff! 'Soundcheck' mimics the end of year 4 times table check where the children answer 25 questions and have six seconds per question. Please see the following link for a parents and carer guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>

## Swimming

Lion class will swim on Thursday afternoons for alternate half-terms. We will start swimming on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## PE

Lion class will have PE with our coaches from Premier Education on a Wednesday afternoon. In the half-term your child does not swim, they will have an additional PE lesson lead by their class teacher on Thursdays. Lions will swim in the first half term of each term.

## Autumn Term Curriculum

**Maths** – Place value and formal written methods of calculation. It is vitally important that your child has a thorough knowledge of their times tables and the associated division facts ( $6 \times 2 = 12$  and  $12 \div 2 = 6$ ) up to the x12 tables so any practise at home using Times Table Rockstars would be helpful (using a laptop, iPad or tablet).

**English** – We will be studying and then writing a diary entry based on the book 'Queen of the Falls' and looking at traditional tales focusing on their structure and similarities.

**Science** – 'Properties and changing of materials' involving practical experiments and written work.

**Geography** – We begin a term long unit exploring Rivers, Oceans and Climate. This half term will be looking exclusively at Rivers.

**Religion & Worldviews** – We will be considering the nature of God and how God is defined by humanity as well as exploring the role of God as the Creator within Christian traditions and the roles of gods and goddesses in Hinduism.

**Art/DT** – Electrical systems (DT project) and 3D art and sculpture after half term

**PSHE** – We continue the Paths curriculum from Year 4.

**French** – Our Pets and What is the date?

**Computing** – Computer Science – Sharing Information (half term)

**Music** – Activities around the song "Livin' on a Prayer" (half term)