



Welcome to Year 5!

It is wonderful to welcome your children back to school for the start of a new year. The children are settling quickly into routines in their new classrooms and learning communities; modelling our school values superbly. I know that they are looking forward to all of the exciting learning that will be taking place across year 5 during our first term! Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject.

Reading

As a school, we endeavour to develop a culture of reading for pleasure. Children should read every day for at least 15 minutes and, if possible, be read to. Early into the term, the children's reading ages will be assessed using Star Reader. From this, your child will bring home a suitable reading book. Once they have completed their book, this should be recorded in their Reading Log and they should complete a quiz on Accelerated Reader which assesses their comprehension. They are also welcome to bring books from home.

Spelling

In year 5, we will have a spelling lesson each week on a Monday, and at the end of this the children will be given a list of 10 new words to practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following Monday. This will begin in Week 2. A copy of this word list will be sent home and posted on Class Dojo to help children prepare for their test.

Times Tables

Throughout year 5, we teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. We will do this through a variety of fun games and activities, including the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Although we will use this site in school to support tables recall, we would strongly encourage all children to continue their practise at home. Please continue to practise times tables using whichever method suits you most. Login details are the same as last year and a reminder slip will be given to your child.

Reminders

Equipment: Please can we ask all children to come to school whenever possible, with a pencil case containing: Black handwriting pen, Pencil, sharpener, Ruler, Purple pen, and a Glue stick. They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils. Having these items helps your child to make the most of their learning time.

PE days: Our P.E days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days.

Finally, please encourage your child to come to school each day with a water bottle and coat, as the weather is so unpredictable!

We recognise that starting a new school year can be a difficult time. We are here to help, so please let us know by chatting when you collect your child, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.

Thank you from the year 5 team

Mr Parkin, Mrs Rajan, Mr Shaw, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Amy and Miss Hewitt