



Happy New (school) Year!

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday, and the children are ready for a new year of exciting learning. We are looking forward to welcoming your children to year 5. It will be a step up from their work in year 4, but I know that they will rise to the challenge. Please make sure you are signed up to Classdojo, as this is the easiest way to stay up to date with special events, homework and other notices.

Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines this term's subjects.

Reading

We ask that you encourage your child to read every day for at least 15 minutes. Early into the term, the children's reading ages will again be assessed using Star Reader. When your child completes a book, please get them to bring the book into school so that they can complete the Accelerated Reader quiz about their book. The children are welcome to bring in books from home; they may still have a related quiz.

Homework

In year 5, we will have a spelling lesson each week on a Friday, 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 Friday. A copy of this word list will be sent home and posted on Classdojo to help children prepare for their test. The other homework task will be linked to punctuation and grammar, and will also be set on Fridays.

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 Mondays 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 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 May, Mrs Collis, and Mrs Herst