



Welcome to Year Five

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are ready for the new school year. I feel truly privileged to have been given the opportunity to teach your wonderful children who I am getting to know quickly! I am looking forward to working with you in partnership, to ensure the children are happy in their new class and enjoy their new learning in year 5.

Teaching Staff

Miss Mc Nay, Mrs Flannery and Mrs Pearson



Reading

In year 5, we love reading and know how important it is for the development of our writing, spelling and knowledge of the world around us. All children will be given a book to read at home and we ask that they read at least three times a week (more would be fantastic!) Children can record what they have read in their reading records which should be kept in their book bags and brought to school every day. The children also have the opportunity to complete book reviews, in which they can share their thoughts and opinion about the books they read.



Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday, to be completed and returned the following Friday. Homework will consist of reading, spelling and times-tables. There will also be optional homework consisting of maths, grammar and comprehension activities which will be related to the weekly focus. The children have been given a pack of useful resources which should help them on their learning journey, in class and at home (please ensure they have it in school each day) Opportunities to learn weekly spellings and times tables, form part of everyday learning, however your support with these at home would be greatly appreciated and will truly have a positive impact on learning. The classroom has a 'Home Wall' area so the children can share achievements and any out of school learning experiences and we can celebrate their many talents.



Weekly Reminders

- PE will take place on a Wednesday. We would ask that all children bring in their PE kits, which need to be suitable for indoor and outdoor activities.
- We would like to suggest that all jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled with your child's name for easy identification.
- Star of the Week will be given out each week in assembly to those who put great effort into their work.
- The year 5 door will open at 8:45 and the register will close at 9:00am. Any child in after this time, will be recorded as late.



Topics

- This year we will be exploring a range of exciting topics:
- Vikings – Novel, How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
- The Eye of the Storm – Novel, The Wreck of The Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo
- Code Breakers WW11 – Novel, Storm Breaker by Anthony Horowitz
- Skelmersdale – Novel – Candle Dark by Carol Anne Clarke
- Space and Beyond – Northern Lights by Philip Pullman
- Freedom – Novel, Journey to Jo'berg by Beverly Naidoo

We love to see the children independently researching and fact finding and encourage this. We will be introducing an opportunity for the children to choose an aspect of interest or something that they are passionate about, which they can share with their class in a presentation.



Year 5 Timetable

Year 5 will be taking part in daily reading, Literacy and Maths lessons. Afternoons will be dedicated to cross curricular topic lessons including Science, Geography, History, Art, Music, PSHCE/Seal, ICT, Languages and RE. We will also be continuing Bug Club this year. Children will be reminded of their usernames and passwords and they will be able to access reading materials at home.

I am looking forward to our partnership as we support the children on their learning journey. Please don't hesitate to come in and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards, Miss Mc Nay.