



Welcome to Year Five

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are really excited and have been looking forward to welcoming the children back to school for some fabulous new learning and I am sure they will be thrilled to be back to see their friends again! I am really pleased to have been given the opportunity to teach your wonderful children (again 😊)! I am looking forward to working in partnership with you again, to ensure the children are happy in their new classroom environment, being back in school and in their new learning in year five.

Teaching Staff

Mrs Russell, Miss Farrington and Mr McSorley.



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 themselves, which should then be signed by you, 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 available on Friday, this will be spellings and times tables to learn, we will also practice these in class each day. There will also be optional homework available, 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. 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. We are always interested to know what they get up to in their own time at home.



Weekly Reminders

- **PE** will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. We would ask that all children **come to school in their kit on these days**. The children should wear black shorts and a white t-shirt, under a track or jogging suit, as they need kit 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, to those who put great effort into their work.
- The year 5 door will open at **8:45am** and school will commence at **9:00am**



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

Spies and Lies – Novel, Storm Breaker by Anthony Horowitz

Skelmersdale from Village to New Town – Novel, Candle Dark by Carol Ann Clarke

Exploring Europe – A variety of non-fiction books.

Space and Beyond – Novel, Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman



Presentations

We love to see the children independently researching and fact finding and encourage this. Last year, we introduced class presentations which gave the children an opportunity to choose an interest, hobby or something that they are passionate about, which they can share with the class in a presentation. This was hugely successful and the children loved sharing, it was also fantastic as a teacher, to learn about their interests outside school!

Year 5 Timetable



Year 5 will be taking part in daily reading, English and Maths lessons. Afternoons will be dedicated to cross curricular topic lessons including Science, Geography, History, Art/DT, Music, PSHCE/Seal, ICT, Languages and RE. We will also be continuing to use the Bug Club reading programme this year.

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

Thanks you , as always, for your continued support 😊

Mrs Russell, Miss Farrington and Mr McSorley.