



Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, we would like to say how excited we are to be both working together and with the same cohort of children. We will be joined by Mrs Gilligan as our Year 5 Teaching assistant and Mrs C who works as a Learning support. As always, if you need a quick chat in the playground at the end of the day or a more formal appointment this can be made via the school office.

As last year, all the children should now know their planner and we will continue to use this as a link between school and home. Please ensure it is in school everyday, as we use it as a learning tool as well as a communication book. By Year 5, we expect the children to write a short daily comment about their understanding of their reading and then ask parents to sign the planner weekly to confirm this has been completed. We will check planners on a Friday.

With regards to homework, the children will be given one to two pieces per week (English or Topic). This should take a maximum of 45 minutes. Additionally, all children need to complete 2 set activities on My Maths. Reading is such an important part of the curriculum and is hopefully something the children gain pleasure from, rather than a mandatory activity. Please talk to your children about their book. There is excellent guidance on strategies and questioning techniques on page 7 in the planner.

We will be continuing with our library visits once a term to allow the children further access to a wide variety of literature.

As you are aware, we like a trip out of school and we are still finalising the details of quite a few. Our first excursion is to Cambridge University. We have high aspirations! This is on Wednesday 29th September. We are also booked to visit the Science Museum and a Cinema outing. All the trips are based solidly in educational experience-we can't help it if we have fun while doing so!

This term in English, we will be covering a variety of text-both fiction and non fiction. At present we are heavily involved in the blood and gore of the Ancient Greeks, as well as other forms of non-fiction writing. We will also continue to focus on developing comprehension skills and the use of the correct grammar, punctuation and spelling.

In Maths, our main focus will be on applying number calculations to reasoning problems in many different guises! Of course this is only possible when the children are fluent with the four rules of number and so it is vital they keep practising to consolidate their skills in all the methods.

Our Science this term will be centred on 'Living things and their habitats' and ' Space'. At the moment we are conducting an experiment about the asexual reproduction of plants.

We will hopefully be donning a bed sheet and crowns of laurels as we go back in time to 'Ancient Greece Day' to support our cross curricular History and Design Technology project. More details will follow.

PE Gymnastics and athletics

Year 5 will be taking swimming lessons as part of their PE curriculum later in the year. In keeping with our theme, at present we are practising Olympic sports such as the discus and javelin in preparation for our trip back in time.

Year 5,s music lessons will be with Mr Papakyriacou and the Enfield Music Service as the year group are fortunate, that they get to learn either the clarinet or saxophone.

In Computing, we are sticking with the Ancient Greek theme and creating digital mazes for a minataur!

For RE, the children will be focusing for the first term on the Creation and subsequently Christmas

After the first half-term break we have a whole school themed week on World War 1. Again, watch out for details.

The Christmas Show is performed predominately by Year 5 so we will be honing our acting singing and dancing skills. Very exciting! Please be sure your child is available on these dates.

Finally, we would like to say thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with any of the Year 5 team and, I hope you agree that we have an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes from

Mrs Goddard, Mr Smith, Mrs Gilligan and Mrs C