



September 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a great summer and we would like to welcome you to a new term in Year 5. Please see below some basic information about expectations in Year 5. Our curriculum mind map for this term is sent separately and may be subject to change.

Children will be expected to:

- Read on a daily basis. They will participate in whole class reading sessions weekly.
- Extend their vocabulary by reading from a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts – we will be reading both in school.
- Continue to ensure they are able to spell Year 3/4 spellings correctly. Children will receive expected Year 5/6 spellings during the course of this year. These will be available on the website.
- Use legible joined handwriting using a blue pen (no biro please) if pen licences have been issued.
- Know **all** multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
- Continue reading their assigned Bug Club books on a regular basis.

Home Learning will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Friday. It could take the form of a piece of research, mathematics work or spellings for example). National guidelines recommend that Year 5 children spend approximately 1½ hours a week on home learning (this includes reading). For more details please refer to the 'Home Learning Policy'. All reading must be recorded in the Reading Diary section within the planners on a daily basis. Please sign the planners weekly.

Reading Passports will be handed out next week, and we look forward to seeing them completed just before the end of term. You will notice that there are a variety of reading activities that need to be completed in order for the children to receive their first certificate. We value your support in helping your child complete these activities and achieve their certificate.

Please make sure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school every day. Hair that touches the shoulders must be tied back and earrings removed (or tape to cover them will be provided), as part of the health and safety policy. Please also note that tights are not to be worn for P.E. lessons, so socks must be part of your child's P.E. kit if they intend to wear tights.

If you wish to communicate a message to us as class teachers we would ask that you write it in the school planner. Please be advised that it is your child's responsibility to make us aware of that message as the planners will not be checked every day. They should, however, be in school every day as spot checks on children's reading will take place regularly.

We hope that you find this information useful, but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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