



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 map for this term will be sent separately and may be subject to change.

Children will be expected to:

- Read on a daily basis and record this in their planners. 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 once we are satisfied that they can spell the Year 3/4 words. 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 and/or spellings. 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'. We will mostly be setting the home learning on MyUso but there will also be a note in their planners. Where possible, we will set work that does not need printing out. If, for example, we set some arithmetic questions, the children only need to write out the calculation and answer on a named piece of paper.

Reading Passports will be handed out next week, and we look forward to seeing the Autumn tasks 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 is wearing the correct P.E. kit in school on a Tuesday and Friday. 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.

Mrs. Allis has asked us to let you know that children in Year 5 are allowed to walk home alone provided they do not have to cross any major roads and we have written/email permission from their parent/carer that they are allowed to do so. If your child wishes to walk home alone, they will not be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school as that is a Year 6 only privilege.

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. Please sign the planners at the weekend, on the page opposite the home learning that has been set, as a way of acknowledging that you have seen it.

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

Thank you,

Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Horscroft