Welcome to Year 5

September 2019

Welcome to children and parents of Year 5. We are Mrs. Bush, Mr Halstead and Miss Jackson and we are very excited to be teaching your children this year. Mrs Davidson will be our teaching assistant. We are looking forward to having another happy and successful year with your children.

The following is some useful information about Year 4.

**P.E**

P.E lessons take place throughout the year but the days of these lessons changes half termly. Sometimes we have P.E specialist coaches who come to teach e.g. football skills, children need to have P.E. kits in school every day.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit.

Pumps,

White T-shirt

Blue shorts.

As outdoor P.E. is part of the curriculum it would be a good idea for the children to have jogging pants/leggings and a sweatshirt ( blue or black) for the colder weather.

Children will be asked to remove all jewelry for PE activities so may we suggest leaving them at home these days.

**Homework**

Homework will initially focus on children’s spellings, timestables and reading. We feel as a team if the children concentrate their efforts on these three things it will be the most beneficial to their learning in school. For now we will be setting no other homework to allow a drive and focus on these three things.

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**Spellings**

Children will have a spelling list to learn each week. Children will have a weekly spelling tests, the focus will be on children achieving ‘personal best’ scores each week. The spelling lists will cover words from the Year 5 and 6 list that is provided by the government. This is a list of spellings that the government have suggested children should be able to spell when leaving Year 6. Spelling lists will also cover some grammar objectives.

**Reading Books**

All children will read to an adult in school each week so it is important that the children a book in school **every day**. Children can read books from home if they wish to, but we may just check it is the correct level for them. Please keep reading books in a school reading book bag to keep clean and dry.

Children will also receive guiding reading sessions where they will look at different texts, poetry, non-fiction texts and we will annotate and discuss the different ways authors write.

We will be starting a class reading initiative – more information about this will be sent out at a later date.

**Uniform**

Please make sure **ALL** items of clothing, including P.E kits, are clearly labeled with your child’s name. Now your children are in Year 5 they are expected to take responsibility for their uniform, jumpers, water bottles.

**Water Bottles**

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day, filled up, with their names clearly labelled on them. They will bring them home each day. Please may we ask children only have water in their bottles as they are not allowed anything else in class.

**Birthdays**

We love birthdays in Year 5! If you would like to bring in sweets for other children, please may I remind you we are not allowed to give out lollipops so little bags of sweets are best.

**Film Clips**

During some Topic and Literacy lessons we may show the children clips from films or television programs. We will make sure all the clips are appropriate but some the clips may be from films that are not rated ‘U’, please let school know if you would rather your children not watch the clips.

**Attendance and Lateness**

It is essential that children are in school on time. Learning begins at 8.55 a.m.

**Hometime**

Children will go home through the classroom door, not the cloakroom.

Please make school aware of who will be collecting your child at the end of the day, if this is different from normal. We may have to question who is picking up your child if we don’t recognise them or haven’t been made aware of a change in plan, please note we are only doing this to keep your children safe and ensure they are going home with the correct adult.

**Meet the teacher**

There will be a meet the teacher, Tuesday 10th September at 3:20pm. You will be able to see your children’s classroom and meet the staff and ask any questions.

We hope that the children have a fantastic time in Year 5. There are many exciting things to look forward to.

If you have any concerns regarding school please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please pass on any messages to Mrs Davidson in the morning or come to the office to make an appointment and we will speak to you as soon as we can .

Our main aim is to ensure your children have another happy and exciting school year and we will do our absolute best to ensure this.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, here’s to a fantastic year!

The Year 5 team