Welcome to Year 5

 September 2020

We are very excited to start Year 5 and I am very excited to get stuck in and have some safe, happy and normality with you all.

I, Mrs Bush will be the class teacher and Miss Wynn the teaching assistant.

Already, I have lots of exciting things planned, including learning all about the legend Robin Hood, the Anglo Saxons and Vikings as well as gorgeous art work and computing.

I know it has been a very funny time and I don’t want anybody to worry about the children’s learning or what they may have missed out on. My main aim, in the first instance, will be to make sure the children feel safe and happy in school and nurture any worries they may have, as well as enhancing their excitement to return to school.

Here are a few little pointers as we enter Year 5:

**Classroom**

I am very pleased that in September, Year 5 will be remaining in the classroom they had last year in Year 4. The classroom will be made to have all appropriate Year 5 learning aids, new fresh displays, appropriate seating plan- I am very excited to get it ready and for your children to come and enjoy it!

**The School Day**

Children will be in a bubble with their class. This means their start times are slightly different, Year 5 will start school at 8:50am and finish at 3:20pm.

Can we ask that children wait by the gate in the carpark the same side of school as the main entrance- near the kitchen and big bins! The way you come in to school when watching a Christmas Play in the hall or for sports day. Miss Wynn and I will then walk with them around school to the cloak room and lead the children in to their classroom. This will stop the children mixing with any other year groups as they arrive in school. The children will leave school this way also.

**Hometime**

 If different from normal, please make school aware of who will be collecting your child at the end of the day. 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. Children in Year 5 are allowed to walk home by themselves, if we have written permission from a parent/carer.

**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, times tables and reading. I feel 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. However, due to the success of Seesaw through Lockdown, some homework may be incorporated in that.

**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 as well as the Year 5 spelling rules. The learning will be heavily guided by The Spelling Frame. This is available online and we ask the children to access this at home where possible to support them in learning their spelling. From time to time spelling lists will also cover some grammar objectives.

**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.

**Meet the teacher**

Unfortunately we won’t be able to host a meet the teacher this year, but please look out on the website for a little introductory video from myself!

If you have any concerns regarding school please do not hesitate to get in touch. In September please pass on any messages in the morning or come to the office to make an appointment and we will speak to you as soon as we can . I am not in school on Mondays- Mr Halstead will cover and he will be available to take messages or speak to you on this day.

We hope that the children have a fantastic time in Year 5 and I will do all I can to ensure they get the year they deserve after being away for so long.

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

Mrs Bush and Miss Wynn