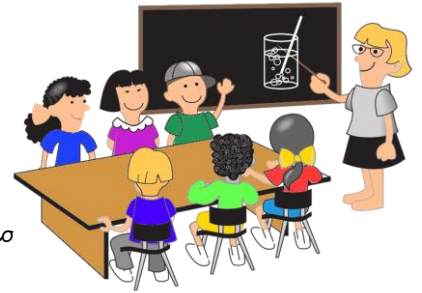


Welcome to Year 5!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Mears, Mr Hiscox and I are delighted that your child is with us in Year 5!

We thought it would be helpful to write down some of the important things to help you and your child prepare for the changes in September.



SPAG - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

The children will have daily SPAG sessions. You can help your child by supporting them with their homework, regularly practising their spellings and the spelling rule and asking your child for definitions and examples of types of word e.g. nouns, adjectives etc.

Reading

The children take part in a guided reading session once a week. Guided reading consists of a timetable of activities where your child will take part in a group reading session, with the teacher or teaching assistant, have the opportunity to read independently, complete a reading comprehension activity and complete a grammar and punctuation activity or play various word games.

It is **really important** that your child reads on a **regular basis at home** (5 minutes every night) so that they practise the reading skills and comprehension taught during guided reading sessions. Please continue to encourage your child to sound out and blend words when reading, as well as asking questions about what they have just read.

P.E and Jumpers

Our P.E. day this year will be **Thursday afternoon**. Please wear your **P.E. kit to school every Thursday**. Please can **all jumpers and cardigans be labelled** as many are misplaced and we know that they aren't cheap to replace!

Water bottles

Please bring a water bottle to school at the **start of the week** and **take it home at the end of the week for a wash**. Leaving the bottle in school for the week will avoid reading books being damaged when water bottles are put into book bags! Children can refill their water bottle every day. The children will have plenty of opportunities to have a drink during the day.

School Planners

Your child should now have brought home their new school planner. The content of the planners has been tailored to the specific requirements of the teachers and pupils. As well as acting as a reading record, the planners contain term dates and space for times tables and spellings to be recorded. Children are required to bring their planners into class every day as they contain information and a whiteboard that can be used in the classroom. Please ensure that your child looks after their planner as we will need to charge if a replacement is required.

Toilet routines

In Year 5 the children should be going to the toilet during playtimes, if they can. That means they may be asked to wait if it is just before a playtime. We are fair and if they are really desperate they will always be allowed to go!

Health Issues and Inhalers

Please make sure that your child has an up to date Inhaler in school at all times. If your child has any health issues please make sure we are aware of them so we can adapt any of our classroom routines accordingly.

Reward System/Class Dojo

In year 5 we have a rewards system called 'Class Dojo'. Each child has a character and these can be displayed on the board for the children to see. They can be awarded points for a variety of good behaviours and there are prizes at the end of the year for those children with a sufficient amount of points.. The rewards are displayed on the notice board in the classroom. Points can also be removed for poor behaviour choices. You will receive a second hand out with more information on how you can access this at home.

Finally...

If you ever have any questions, please come in and chat to us about it, we are very approachable people and we don't bite! The best day to try and contact me is usually a Monday or Tuesday after school. If it is something urgent please message on Dojo any day before school.



Mrs Voyle, Mrs Mears and Mr Hiscox