

Dear Year 5 children, parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after the summer break. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable time and that you are now ready for the challenges of Year 5. This letter will, hopefully, answer some of your early questions about Year 5. If there are other things you would like to ask us, please do feel free to email us or approach us at an appropriate time.



Staff

Mrs Walker will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Miss Hillier will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Moores will be our class Teaching Partner each day while Mr Hofman and Mrs Munro will also be supporting individual children in class.

During the Autumn term Mr Hofman and Mrs Parker will be covering PPA.

History

This term's history enquiry is "**How were the lives of British people affected by the outbreak of World War 2?**" This unit allows the children to access a variety of evidence and historical sources in order to understand the events that lead to the outbreak of war and how it then affected both adults and children. We will also investigate how Britain was able to win the 'Battle of Britain' through air supremacy. If you or your families have any interesting artefacts or knowledge from this period of history, we would love to hear about them.



Science

In science we will be investigating forces, including gravity, friction and water resistance. This is a great topic to start the year with plenty of practical investigations. Knowledge organisers for both history and science are available on our class page for your reference. Please take time to discuss these with your children at home.

PE

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday this half term. However, we would like your child to have their PE kits in school every day as there can sometimes be timetable variations. We will also be checking early on in the term that children have correct PE kit which is properly labelled.



RE

Our question this term is: What influence does believing in God as the Trinity have on Christian worldviews? This unit gives the opportunity to find out what Christians mean when they talk about God, especially the idea that God is Trinity, and how belief in the Trinity can affect the ways in which many Christians think and act.

Water Bottles, Snack and Coats

May we remind you children should bring a water bottle to school each day. Please ensure that these are clearly labelled.

Your child is also welcome to bring a snack to eat at breaktime. This needs to be a healthy snack, not crisps or chocolate please.

Please can your child have a raincoat at school each day as we do go out to play in all weathers!

Homework

Reading

Reading and the enjoyment of reading is key! We expect Year 5 children to read regularly at home. Books should be taken home each night and then brought back to school the next morning. We ask the children to read at least four times a week and to record each time they read (with parents signing their diaries once a week so we know you are listening to them too or discussing their reading journey with them and talking about genres that they enjoy etc). Reading records will be monitored weekly.



Maths

A written maths homework will be sent home each Tuesday to be returned by the following Monday. Children are also expected to complete 4 sessions, of 4 minutes on Times Tables Rockstars each week. This will be monitored in school.

Spelling

Spelling homework will be going home on a Monday and should be completed by the Friday when children will revise the spellings taught in class that week. We will also be studying patterns and practising spellings daily as part of our early morning work.

Key dates for the Autumn Term

17th September – World War 2 evacuation trip, details sent home before the summer holidays

13th October- Literature Festival (More information regarding this event will be sent out closer to the date)

If you need to talk to us at any point, you can often catch us at the beginning of the day to pass on a message e.g. who is picking your child up. If you need to discuss something where you need more of our time, please ring the main office to arrange a meeting or e-mail us.



We are all excited to be working with your children this year, they have already really impressed us this week with their attitude to school and learning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Walker and Miss Hillier