

Welcome to Year 5 – September 2024

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 approach us at an appropriate time.



Staff

Mrs Pendlebury will be teaching Year 5 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Miss Hillier will be teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Moores is our class teaching partner. Mrs Sugur, Miss Gillen and Mrs Rees will also be supporting individual pupils in class.

Autumn Topics

This term's history enquiry is "Why was winning the Battle of Britain so important?" This unit allows the children to access a variety of evidence and historical sources. It also supports an understanding of why air dominance was vital for Britain. 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 Wednesday and Friday this 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 be checking early on in the term that children have correct PE kit which is properly labelled.

Water Bottles

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

Homework and Reading

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. The reading records will be monitored weekly. 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).



Maths

A written maths homework will be sent home each Wednesday to be returned by the following Tuesday. 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 Friday and should be completed by the Friday when children will have a spelling test in class. We will also be studying patterns and practising spellings daily as part of our early morning work.

Key dates for the Autumn Term**9th October- Literature Festival**

More information regarding this event will be sent out closer to the date.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Pendlebury and Miss A Hillier