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Loving, learning and flourishing in community

Welcome to Year 5

Hello and welcome to Year 5! The children have settled in well and are working hard. We are all looking forward to a happy and successful year and hope this newsletter will provide all the information you need to support your child. The Year 5 team aim to bring the curriculum alive for your child by providing a wide variety of learning opportunities over the year, as well as supporting individual learning where appropriate.

Times of the school day

Year 5 open their cloakroom doors at 8:40am. We would ask for your support in ensuring that the children arrive promptly in the morning. The doors are locked at 8:50am and any latecomers must enter through the school office where a register of late arrivals is kept. Break time is from 10.40am – 11.00am. Lunch time starts at 12:00pm and finishes at 1:00pm, Year 5 go out to break first and then eat their lunch later. The school day finishes at 3.20pm.

Collective worship

During the week we have a time of reflection every day, either as Collective Worship in the hall (Mondays and Fridays) or in our classrooms. The children end the day with a reflection time, when they think about the things they have achieved during the day and then say the school prayer.

Curriculum

Subjects such as Maths, English (including spelling and grammar), Science, PE, RE and PSHE tend to be taught separately, but other subjects may be taught in a cross curricular manner through 'topics'. For example our Ancient Greece topic links History, English and Art.

Ancient Greek Day - On October 3rd we will be having our immersive Ancient Greek Day. This is a fantastic event and the children get to dress up and be Ancient Greeks for the day. A letter with all the details will be sent home shortly.

Emotional and social development

Through our PSHE lessons and SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) groups, the children learn skills that help them to get on with others in a positive way. We find this helps them to foster good relationships in the playground.

PE

PE kit is required to be in school in school at all times in case the time is changed or it is needed for another activity. The PE times are as follows:

5NK: Monday and Wednesday

5AH/BR: Monday and Thursday

Our PE kit is as follows;

- Indoor kit – Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo) and black shorts
- Outdoor kit – Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo), black shorts or jogging bottoms, sweatshirt (for cold weather) and trainers

Long hair needs to be tied back for PE so a hair-tie should be brought in if required. **Earrings need to be removed by the child prior to the start of the lesson.** Some children choose not to wear earrings on PE days as they find this easier. PE is part of our curriculum and therefore all children are expected to take part. If there is a medical reason why they cannot participate, a letter or an email from a parent or carer is required.

Homework

Homework tasks are related to the week's work or cross-curricular topic. Usually spellings, times tables and one other piece of work will be set on Friday. We collect homework in on the following Wednesday, thus giving time during the weekend or the week to complete the work. Occasionally, we will set a more project based homework and give longer for it to be completed. Homework should be mainly done by the child, with support if required. Some parents have written on the work the amount of support needed and level of difficulty or ease experienced by the child; this is very helpful to us. Of course, your child may also write a short comment themselves. We understand that family life is often busy; please do let us know if your child is unable to complete their homework one week; we can be flexible!

Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with your child at home as reading is a necessary skill for all work at school. Book bags with reading books should be brought to school every day. As well as reading accurately and fluently, your child needs to be able to discuss what they have read, referring to the text to back up their answers. They are also working on developing the skills and confidence to read aloud, with expression, to an audience, e.g. reading a story to the rest of the class. Your child will have access to books from the Year 5 reading area.

We look forward to a happy and successful term. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

The Year 5 Team

Class 5AH/BR:

Class Teachers: Mr Hope (Monday to Thursday)
Mrs Raven (Friday)

Class 5NK:

Class Teacher: Mrs Krull

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. Senter, Mrs. Channer, Mrs. Hitchman