

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone and thank you so much for all your support across the whole of last term – hopefully now we are going to begin to get back to some sort of normality. We are delighted with the way Year 5 have settled back into the school routine and it is so good to see them all again.

Below we have outlined some key information, topics, dates and any other business for the upcoming final term this year! This term is set to be quite a busy one and we hope the children enjoy their last term in Year 5 with us.

The Teaching Team

Just in case, this term in Year 5, the children will be working and learning with a number of people. Mr Agnew, Miss Jones and Mrs McKee will be leading the Year 5 team alongside our teaching assistants, Mrs Williams, Mrs Poole and Mrs Clarke. Mrs Burton will continue to deliver French lessons every other Wednesday and Mr Norman will deliver our Music lessons on a Thursday.

Topics throughout this summer term:

Due to lockdown, we are trying to complete as much of the Year 5 curriculum as we can this term, whilst being mindful of cognitive overload. Therefore, there does seem to be a lot of subjects taking place. However, some units and lessons will be shorter to facilitate the coverage whilst still ensuring a good level of knowledge is achieved.

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| English: | Non-chronological Reports and narrative writing |
| Maths: | Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Geometry. Arithmetic. |
| Science: | Living Things and Animals, Including Humans |
| History: | Journeys throughout time |
| Geography: | Trade across the world |
| RE: | Humanism and Christianity |
| MFL: | French (Madame Burton) |
| ICT: | Creating a game using Purple Mash |
| Art: | Viking Art |
| P.E.: | Swimming, Gymnastics, Health-Related Exercise from the REAL PE scheme of work (Jumpball) |
| Music: | Guitar |

Supporting Your Child at Home

There are many ways you can support your child's education at home.

Daily Reading

Your child needs to read aloud to an adult as much as possible. We strongly recommend three to five times a week to help them improve their comprehension, fluency and expression. The children will know how to keep a record of their reading in his/her reading journal and we ask you to sign this when they have read to you or read independently. Even if your child is a confident reader, it is important to set aside quality time to hear him/her read aloud and question their understanding of the text.

Please ensure you comment on your child's reading after they have read to you. In the middle of the reading journal, there are some question prompts to support your child's understanding of the text. We will be also assessing their fluency rate twice this term. As a guide the year 5 average is 140-150 words per minute. Children need to bring in their reading books every day for independent reading on a daily basis.

Homework

To get children back into a routine and to be ready for Year 6, your child will begin to receive English and some Maths homework every Monday to be handed in by the next Friday. This will focus on grammar and arithmetic – as these are the building blocks of the core subjects. In addition, spellings will be available on Spelling Shed for them to learn on a weekly basis. Your child will be tested on these on a Monday. Times tables should be practised using the TT Rockstars program at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes. Your child may need support and encouragement with homework but try to avoid doing it for them. Please provide children with a homework folder if at all possible to keep their work organised.

Other Details

PE: Swimming will hopefully be taking place. At the moment, Mr Carter is getting the pool ready and we are in the process of ensuring Government guidelines say we can get into the pool. Again, please watch this space for future details. PE will continue to be on a Tuesday for both classes so children should wear their PE kits on this day. If possible, trainers are preferable to plimsolls for outdoor PE. Please could you write a note to inform the teacher if your child is unable to take part in PE activities or needs to wear plimsolls for indoor PE. It may also be helpful to provide your child with sunscreen and a hat for the potential hot weather during the summer months.

Enrichment/Outdoor Education

We have been lucky enough to be able to book a day at Mountbatten Outdoor Education Centre as an opportunity for the Year 5's. This is such great news as, of course, the children missed Mountbatten last year and their Residential opportunity this year. Please keep an eye out for future details. The date of this is Friday 2nd July 2021.

If you have any concerns about your child's education and welfare, please feel free to call in and make an appointment to see us. Problems are always solved quickly if they are identified early.

Mr Agnew, Miss Jones and Mrs McKee