



Year 5 Welcome Newsletter

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead! In Year 5, the teaching team will include myself, Mr. Attwell, supported in the classroom by Mrs. Davies. Mrs. Cook will also be teaching the class during my non-contact time.

Equipment

All children are expected to bring their own equipment to school each day. In Year 5, every pupil should have a well-stocked pencil case containing

- two pens
- two pencils
- a ruler
- a rubber
- scissors
- a glue stick
- whiteboard pens
- a purple biro
- colouring pencils

and optionally, a black fine-liner and colouring pens. It is **vital** that this equipment is brought to school daily, as it supports the smooth running of lessons and encourages independence.

Curriculum (Yearly Overview attached to this letter)

PE

All PE lessons this term will be held outdoors. In the event of severe weather, sessions may be postponed or moved into the school hall. Regardless of the forecast, children are expected to come prepared for outdoor PE in both warm and cold conditions. Alongside their standard school PE kit, pupils may wear plain house-coloured jumpers and tracksuit bottoms to keep warm. Children should arrive at school **wearing their usual school shoes** but bring a **pair of trainers in a bag**, which they can change into before their PE session. Year 5 PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

This half-term

Wednesday - Basketball

Thursday - Football

Next half-term

Wednesday- Hockey (children must have a mouthguard or they will not be able to participate in the lesson).

Thursday - Tag Rugby

Ufton Court

The Ufton Court Residential Trip will take place between Monday 6th October and Wednesday 8th October. An informative PowerPoint and more information will be sent to you closer to the time.

Homework

All tasks will be set via Century. Children will be set 4 assignments (known as nuggets) to complete each week. These will relate to lesson content from their learning that week and will cover maths, comprehension, SPAG and times tables. Once children have completed their weekly tasks, they will then be able to interact with other material relevant to them on their learning path, starting with diagnostic tests. Once children have completed diagnostic tests, they will then be provided with individual tasks to support their learning. In addition, weekly spellings will be set via Google Classroom. Homework will be set every Friday and will be due the following Friday. A spelling test will also take place each Friday.

Parents Evening

We look forward to having you for our face-to-face parents evening this term (date to be confirmed nearer the time).

Communication

Please contact the school office via email or telephone and we will respond as soon as possible.

We also look forward to seeing you at Parent's Evening (online) on the 22nd and 24th of October.

We understand that children can sometimes feel pressured in Year 5 as the workload increases and they become aware of the upcoming regional and national tests. In order to help reduce any anxiety they may feel, please ensure they are well rested and enjoy a range of activities and interests. We can always be contacted should you wish to talk to us about your child's wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Mr Attwell, Mrs Davies and Mrs Cook
Year Five Teaching Staff

