

Message from the class teachers:

Welcome to Year 5! We are really looking forward to a fantastic year! This term we will be learning about the Vikings in topic lessons and covering forces in science. We look forward to seeing everyone work hard and make great progress. Please pop the important dates over the page into your diaries.

Teachers: Miss Watson, Mr Ledford, Mrs Saunders

PPA cover: Mrs Goosey, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Mason.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Mason, Mrs Birkinshaw.

An overview of learning this half term

Maths: Place value, addition, subtraction.

English: Non – Chronological Reports and Poetry.

History: The Vikings

Science: Forces

Computing: Flat – File Databases

RE: Why do some people think God exists?

Art: Sketching focusing on Balthasar van der Ast's 'Flowers in a Vase with Shells and Insects',

PSHE: Rights and Responsibilities

PE: Cricket, Athletics and Swimming (Stine class)

French: Welcome to School

General Reminders:

This term we will be introducing Year 5 expectations and working on 'The Harmony Pledge'. During our first week together, we will be completing some wonderful 'Take one picture' work based upon Balthasar van der Ast's 'Flowers in a Vase with Shells and Insects', which we look forward to sharing with you on our class story and portfolios on Dojo.

PE

Stine (Mr Ledford): Tuesday and Thursday (Swimming)

Baddiel (Miss Watson): Tuesday and Thursday.

Carroll (Mrs Saunders): Tuesday and Thursday.

Children must come into school wearing their correct PE kits on these days. You will also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run and Drumba. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

Homework

Homework will be set online. This will be set on a Wednesday and should be completed by Tuesday of the following week. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, Purple Mash tasks and Times Table Rockstars. We will ensure all children are confident in accessing homework tasks and all passwords will be provided via Class Dojo message, which must be kept safely.

Reading

The children will be completing an online 'Star reader' test over the next week in order to allocate them with the correct book for their reading level. Once your child has their book, please read with your child at home as often as possible and sign this off in their reading records. Our expectation is at least 3 times per week, and children are rewarded for doing this. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Snacks and water bottles

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children need to bring in their own named water bottle from home which should only contain water.

Nut Free School

There are children and staff in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are now a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring any nuts of food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient. Thank you.

Working in Harmony Award

All children will be coming home with a Working in Harmony Award booklet soon. This is an award which we can work together to achieve throughout this half term. There are allocated tasks for teachers, pupils and parents each week. Please support your child in completion of these activities and help them to earn a special certificate and badge.

Useful websites

www.ttrockstars.com

www.purplemash.com

<https://ukhosted31.renlearn.co.uk/2236032>

www.myon.co.uk

Meet the Year Group Team Event

We would like to invite you to meet the Year 5 team from 3.15 – 4.15pm on Thursday 14th September 2023. Please enter the school through the front office and head to your child's classroom, where there will be an introduction to Year 5. There will also be an opportunity to have a quick chat with your child's class teacher, if you wish.

We are really looking forward to a busy but thrilling term. If you have any questions, please see us at the Year 5 door at the end of the day or contact your child's teacher via class Dojo.