

I hope you all have had a restful and safe Summer break and that the children are ready for the new year ahead. This year, we have many new themes and texts to look at such as The Ancient Greeks and WWII in History; Earth and Space in Science; Spreadsheets in Computing; Perimeter and Area in Maths and Wolf Brother as part of our Whole Class Reading.

You will have access to Knowledge Organisers for the topics being covered each term. These can be found on our school website under the year 5 tab. The Knowledge Organisers outline the key vocabulary that will be used as well as the content covered. These will help you with supporting your child at home.

In Year 5 our school day starts at 8:45am and pupils should make sure they arrive to school on time to avoid missing out on our morning spellings and handwriting activities. Class teachers will be on the playground at 8:40am each morning and children will line up before being taken into school.

Thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to meeting you all properly and a fantastic year ahead!

Mr Upfield

Uniform:

Please could you ensure that children are in the correct uniform for the school day. Boys should wear grey or black trousers, a white shirt or polo shirt and a blue school jumper. You can either purchase a jumper or sweatshirt from Gascoigne Clothing or buy a plain blue jumper from a shop. We sell iron on badges in the office. Boys may wear grey school shorts in the summer.

Girls should wear grey skirts or pinafores, a white shirt or polo shirt and a blue school jumper or cardigan. Again, these can either be purchased from Gascoigne Clothing or a plain one bought and a badge ironed on. In the warmer months, girls may also wear a blue checked dress.

Can we also ask that, where possible, boys wear black or dark-coloured shoes rather than trainers and girls wear flat black or dark-coloured shoes.

Children will also need the correct PE kit - white t shirt, black shorts and plimsolls with the children in KS2 needing an outdoor kit. This should consist of jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers.

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Homework:

Homework will continue to be an important part of your child's learning this term. Homework is set every Friday and is due in on Wednesdays - to be marked on the following Friday.

There will be homework tasks, which relate to the topics and skills taught during the week. In addition to this, children will be given a set of Spellings (through Spelling Shed). It is essential that children learn their weekly spellings in any way that suits them.

Establishing a weekly or daily homework routine can help children complete tasks to a good standard and on time. The amount of homework that children are set will now start to increase so it is important that a routine is put in place. Your support with this is appreciated.



P.E.

Swimming will take place every Monday morning and PE will be on Thursdays. Children must come to school on a Thursday in their PE kits. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for PE and no designer wear is worn.



****Please also note that for your child's safety, for all PE activities, no jewellery whatsoever must be worn, including earrings. Long hair must also be tied up. ****

Useful resources to get your children writing

- Topmarks provides children with a lot of games to practice different elements of the grammar and punctuation. <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>
- The Literacy Shed is a fantastic website with a range of different stimulus to encourage children to write. Let your child explore and write a range of different genres. <http://www.literacyshed.com/>
- I also would advise using films that your children enjoy watching. Get them to re-write the story from a different character's point of view, write a diary entry based on one of the events.

For less confident writers

- Write parts of sentences onto different cards then discuss the different word types e.g. verbs, adjectives etc.
- Rainbow sentences are great. Write each sentence in a different colour. This allows children to see where and when punctuation is needed

For more confident writers

- Improve simple sentences by adding a range of clauses in different positions: manipulate these to find the most cohesive way of writing.
- Write in a range of genres considering the vocabulary selected for formal and informal text types.

Activities you could use to support your child in maths:

- <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> is a great website with fantastic maths-based games to enable the children to develop their understanding.
- Use <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular> for a range of games which will engage the children in 4 calculations and place value

For less confident mathematicians

- Work on using pictures and practical resources to support children with 4 calculations (division, multiplication, addition and subtraction)
- Practice times tables up to 12 times table
- Use <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> for a range of activities to support place value and 4 calculations knowledge

For more confident mathematicians

- Solve a range of puzzles and problems. The nrich, NACE and NCETM websites provide a range of different activities.
- Encourage your child to create problems which involve working systematically. Get them to create problems for you to solve.
- encourage children to find mistakes in calculations and give advice on how the mistake could be corrected.
- <https://nrich.maths.org/> is a fantastic website to challenge the Greater depth with a wide range of problem solving and reasoning activities which will require the children to apply their mathematical understanding.

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Subscriptions:

Please make the most of the programmes we have purchased. The children have been given the passwords and login details. If you need these again, please ask.

- TT Rockstars
- Purple Mash
- Spelling Shed
- Oxford Reading Buddy

Recommended Reading Books

As your child grows in confidence with their reading, it is essential that they are given the opportunity to read a wide variety of book. Below of some of my favourites for Year Five children.

- Journey to Johannesburg by Beverley Naidoo
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
- All the David Walliams Books
- The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie
- Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford
- Raspberries on the Yangtze by Karen Wallace
- The Considine Curse by Terry Jones
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For children who find reading challenging at times, Diary of a Wimpy Kid Doodle Yourself & The Brilliant World of Tom Gates are great books for getting them engaged as it is a mixture of reading and drawing.