



## Welcome to Year Five

**Class Teachers:** Miss Watkins and Miss Brown

Welcome to Year Five. We are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

### Year Five Day

- School begins at 8.50am when the bell rings and ends at 3.20pm
- Morning playtime is 11.10am – 11.25am
- Lunchtime is 12.45pm – 1.45pm

### Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning playtime
- In Key Stage 2 (KS2) school lunches will need paying for
- Year Five use lockers, so please use suitably sized rucksacks
- Children are provided with writing equipment, which they take responsibility for and is kept in trays
- In KS2 the uniform consists of shirt and ties

### Reading

- During the year in Guided Reading your child will read a range of texts of varying genres with a teacher - the key learning focus will be referred to in direct teaching sessions as well as being reinforced and practised during independent follow up activities
- Library visits will continue to take place and children will have choice over which text they would like to read to promote 'reading for pleasure'

### Spellings

- In Year Five, children will be taught following the No Nonsense Spelling programme - spelling knowledge, conventions, patterns and rules are taught through these sessions
- At the beginning of each half term children will receive a list of 20 spellings, they will be tested in groups of 5 each Wednesday for the remaining of the half term
- At the beginning of the half term children will complete a 'pre-test' of all 20 spellings - this will then be repeated at the start of the next half term to see how many words have been remembered
- These spellings are made up of statutory words for Year Five, as well as recapping previous years words and spelling patterns

### Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks independently
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teacher

## Home School Communication

- Your child's Class Teacher should always be your first point of contact
- The Year Five team are available at the Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) door every morning and at home time
- The UKS2 team (Year Five and Six) usually take it in turns to meet and greet at the playground door, but will pass on any messages to other members of staff
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorse Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes

## Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the UKS2 door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection
- Kids GB is available before and after school.

## Year 5 Highlights...

- Bookshelf immersion days
- Forest School
- World Book Day
- Heartstart
- ECadet lessons
- Educational visits (TBC)
- Parliament Week
- Virtual Tours
- Skype sessions



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