



Welcome to Year Five

Class Teachers: Mr Johnson | Mrs Holmes

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Akhtar

Additional Teaching Staff: Miss Cheetham | Mr Gorman

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 essential information with you:

Reading

- Children will read with their Class Teacher in Guided Reading sessions
- Children will bring home an age-appropriate book as well as a library book
- We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child
- Your child's Reading books, and Reading Record should be brought into school each day

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 mostly independently, but can be supported
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers
- Online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school:
 - This includes Spelling Shed, Maths Shed and Times Tables Rockstars. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- A member of the Year Five team will be available on the Upper Key Stage Two door every morning and both at the end of the school day
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team, we are always happy to arrange a time for this via admin@gorseybank.org.uk
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and January, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorseley Weekly is sent out every Friday

Behaviour Points

- As part of our UKS2 approach to behaviour, in Year 5 we introduce behaviour points in order to develop independence and is in line with behaviour routines beyond into high school so is preparing them for this transition.
- We are focusing on the children's organisational skills for behaviour points so a behaviour point will be given if your child does not hand in home learning on a Monday, does not share their reading record on a Monday or does not bring their spelling book in for the spelling test on a Wednesday. We are keen to promote the children's independence and develop their organisational skills by making them accountable for having these things in school on the correct days. If a behaviour point is given three times or more per half term then there will be a consequence of five minutes break time missed in line with our school behaviour policy.
- We are also happy to be able to share positive comments to celebrate anything that your child has done well in school.
- BromCom will be used for communication with parents so you will know if your child has any behaviour points if you have the notifications turned on for the app. It would be helpful if you could follow up with the children at home about this.

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning breaktime (please ensure there are no nuts)
- Children have the option of School Lunches (available to be purchased) or bringing their own packed lunch (please ensure there are no nuts)
- Children will have access to their own locker, so please use suitably sized rucksacks (if needed)
- On PE days, children are to come to school in their PE kits. The PE Days in Year 5 are Monday and Wednesday
- Uniform remains the same as last year – [full guidance on this can be found here](#)

Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the Upper Key Stage Two 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, this can be done on the door or through contacting the school office
- Children in Year Five are permitted to walk home with parental permission. Should you wish for your children to walk home independently, please notify the Year Five team of this in writing



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