

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who were able to make it to the meeting on Wednesday, it was good to see so many of you there. This letter is just to go over some of the points raised at the meeting and to provide information for those parents who were unable to attend.

Who's who in Year 5.

The class teachers are Paul Evans and Michelle Cummins (5E), Jo Port (5P) and Louise Kruse (5K) On Wednesday afternoons we have time out of class for planning, preparation and assessment. At these times your child is taught by Madame Marsh, Mrs Savage or Mrs Mann.

From Year 4 to 5

As you know, the classes were mixed up at the start of this year. So far we have all been very impressed with how the children have settled into their new classes. They have dealt with the change in a positive and mature way and really are enthusiastic about their learning.

A taster of some of this year's main topics

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Bom Dia Brazil World War 1	Space: The Final Frontier Ancient Civilisations	Forces in Action Raging Rivers

Logbooks

All Year 5 pupils have a logbook. These are a record of what homework has been given and are the main channel of communication between home and school. These will be collected and checked by teachers weekly. Please do not hesitate to write in these whenever necessary. It is also really useful if your child notes down extra work undertaken at home such as reading, spelling and times tables practice in their logbooks.

Home-Learning

- A range of key tasks each week to complete. These will include English and maths, as well as times tables and spellings.
- Children are expected to read on a daily basis - this can be independently although we encourage you to hear them read occasionally.
- Children are expected to practise times tables.
- Every half term the children will be sent home a few key word spellings from the National Curriculum Year 5/6 list for them to learn.

Currently, homework is given out on a Thursday and due in on a Tuesday. The logbooks will always say what homework has been given. If you have any queries about home-learning activities please do not hesitate to come in to see us or write a note in your child's logbook.

PE days

5E - Thursday and Friday

5K - Monday and Friday

5P - Monday and Thursday

Please note that during the Autumn term all outside PE lessons will be on a Monday afternoon as children who are not swimming will be doing PE and art instead.

Trips and visitors throughout the year

At this time of the year we thought it would be helpful to inform you of upcoming trips and visitors in Year 5. We appreciate that school trips can be expensive but we also hope to offer the children excellent opportunities and experiences within school through various visitors and workshops with no charge to parents.

Here are some of the experiences we are planning for this year:

Winchester Cathedral visit, a visit from WW One historian Andy Robertshaw, Rivers study trip, Science Dome visit, Samba drumming, Bikeability, Enterprise Day at Henry Cort and Art week. Details of all of these enriching experiences will be given nearer the time.

There will be meeting for Year 5 parents to find out what we will be covering in our PSHE sex education topic as well as this we give you the opportunity to view the resources the children will be watching.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any specific questions that you would like us to address, then please send them into school with your child.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Team
