

Welcome to Year 5!

General

This leaflet is designed to give you a brief overview of your child's school life over the coming year in terms of our expectations, as well as providing you some insight into the topics we intend to cover. There are two formal parent's evenings in the year, but if at any other time you need a chat with the teacher, please let us know and we can make an appointment for a time that suits us both. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Farnham and Mr Vear



English

English is taught for at least one hour a day with extra time dedicated to reading, spelling and handwriting. The children will explore a wide range of text types during the year and their reading and writing skills will be developed and extended.

The children will have a levelled book from the Accelerated Reader scheme. Once they have read their book, they can do a quiz during school time to check their understanding of what they have read.

- If they achieve 100% in a quiz, then they move up to the next level
- If they achieve three scores of 90-99%, then they move up to the next level
- If they achieve 79% or below then they move down a level

The children will read regularly in school but will not necessarily read individually with an adult daily. We appreciate your support in ensuring that the children practise reading at home on a regular basis, whether they read to you or on their own. We ask that they record their reading in their home-school diaries. Please feel free to use their diaries to record any comments you may have and remind your child to give their diary to their teacher when they come into school.

Big Writing takes place on every second week and is the culmination of 2 weeks' work on a specific genre of writing. The children will prepare for the task in school during the weeks, but may wish to talk through their ideas with you or find some extra information at home.

Spellings for each week are introduced on a Friday. Some will follow a pattern which will be explored during the week with investigations and taught phonic sessions; others will be key words from the Year 5/6 spelling list. They will be tested on a Friday.



Maths

Maths is also taught daily. Our aim is to ensure that the children are confident handling numbers and completing calculations and that they progress to the next step only when their understanding of the current step is completely secure. They may use strategies that are unfamiliar to you. If you are ever unsure or want further clarification about the methods they are using, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher.

In school, they will develop their skills through a mixture of activities, including formal written lessons, investigations, practical activities and games.

Continued practice of the multiplication tables at home is very much appreciated; **all children are expected to know their tables up to 12 x 12**. The children will be given regular times tables tests to ensure progress and fluent recall.

Topic Work

In the creative Curriculum we will be covering the following topics (in order):

These topics are all named after and based on a text.

Autumn term: Cosmic and Who Let The Gods Out?

Spring term: Journey to the Centre of the Earth and The Akimbo adventures

Summer term: The Mayflower and The Earth Under Sky Bear's Feet.

Through these topics we will cover Science, Geography, History, Art and D.T.

In addition, the children will be taught Computing, French, RE, Jigsaw, Games, PE and Music.

Relationships Education (RE) lessons will take place in the summer term, focusing primarily on physical changes.

Timetable Commitments:

Swimming- Summer Term TBC

PE: Monday and Friday



P.E. Kit

On Mondays and Fridays children should come to school in their PE kit.

Please read and follow the latest P.E kit information in the school newsletters.

Homework

Homework is set on a Wednesday and due in the following Monday. Each task should take no more than 30 minutes. If it is taking your child more time than this, please stop them and make a note. We are always available at lunchtimes to help your child with any aspects of their homework and Mr Vear will run a homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime. If homework is not handed in on Monday, there may not be time to mark it.



Clubs

School clubs will be starting up again this term. Teachers running clubs will send details home in a letter so interested children can sign up to attend.

We hope that the children continue with their great start to **Year 5** and settle in well; we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year. If you do have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to come in and see us.

Many thanks,
Mr Farnham and Mr Vear