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Committed to the care and education of your child within a Christian setting

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Welcome to Year Five

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday; it seems a long time ago now! The children have settled in well and are working hard. We are all looking forward to a happy and successful year and hope this letter will provide all the information you need to support your child. The Year 5 team aim to bring the curriculum alive for your child by providing a wide variety of learning opportunities over the year, as well as supporting individual learning where appropriate.

Times of the school day

Year 5 open their cloakroom doors at 8.55am. We would ask for your support in ensuring that the children arrive promptly in the morning. The doors are locked at 9.10am, after which please make your way to the school office. Break time is from 10.40am - 10.55am and lunch starts at 12.00pm and finishes at 1:00pm. In Year 5, all children eat their lunch in the hall during our first sitting from 12:30pm. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Collective worship

During the week we have an act of worship every day, either as a whole school in the hall or in our classrooms. The children finish off the day with a reflection time and the school prayer.

Curriculum

Subjects such as Maths, English (including spelling and grammar), Science, P.E, R.E. and PSHE tend to be taught discretely, but other subjects may be taught in a cross curricular manner through 'topics'. For example, this term's history topic 'Ancient Greece' will also be taught through English and Art.

Homework

Each week, the children will be asked to learn their times tables or number facts and spellings. They will have a reading task to complete alongside independent reading. To support the Year 5 Maths curriculum, it would be beneficial for your child to continue practising times tables and division facts every week. There will also be a separate task related to the week's work or cross-curricular focus. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please let us know if your child is struggling with the homework, have any questions or need extra time to complete it. Homework club will be available on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime if your child would like to attend.

Reading

The children have been given new home/school reading diaries. Please feel free to write in these as well as your child. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with your child at home as reading is a necessary skill for all work at school. Their reading books and diary should be brought to school every day. As well as reading accurately and fluently, your child needs to be able to discuss what they have read, referring to the text to back up their answers. They are also working on developing the skills and confidence to read aloud, with expression, to an audience, e.g. reading a story to the rest of the class or reading their work in Collective Worship. Your child can have two books from our school library.

PE

Our PE days are Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). It is important that your child has their kit in school at all times in case the time is changed or it is needed for another activity.

Our PE kit is as follows;

- Indoor kit - Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo) and black shorts
- Outdoor kit - Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo), black shorts or jogging bottoms, sweatshirt (for cold weather) and trainers

Long hair needs to be tied back for PE and earrings need to be removed. PE is part of our curriculum and therefore all children are expected to take part. If there is a medical reason why they cannot participate please let us know. Swimming continues in Year 5 and we will let you know nearer to the time when these sessions will take place.

We look forward to a happy and successful term; please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team

The Year 5 Team is:

Class 5ZL

Class Teacher: Mrs Z Lynch
Mrs H Lynch on a Wednesday afternoon.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Clapton, Mrs Bullivant, Mrs Hitchman, Mrs Hook, Mrs Senter, Mrs Khan, Mrs Ker and Mrs Steele

Class 5KH

Class Teacher: Miss K Hallowell
Mrs H Lynch on a Thursday afternoon.