

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 5. I am looking forward to teaching the children this year and to meeting you all in due course. Attached to this letter you will find an overview of our long term plan (full long term plan on website in due course) outlining the work we will be doing each half term. Do note that this is a guide only!

Here are some bits of information you might find useful...

- Class 5 start time is 8.45am. We come in through the side ramp, which is the same entrance used by year 4. We dismiss at 3pm from the same doors. Please wait by forming a line along the black pencil gate and I will dismiss to the first person in the line.
- I will give children pens/pencils etc., so they do not need to bring in items like this from home.
- Homework will be given out on Friday and should be completed and returned to school a week on Tuesday. This means that children will have around 10 days to complete homework giving enough time to access support if needed. Look out for a yellow book with the homework sheet and spelling sheet etc. stuck in. It will usually consist of 10-12 spellings to learn including Year 5/ 6 statutory spellings, times tables to learn, a piece of maths and/or a piece of English (which may or may not be connected to the topic). Look out for reminders/extra information on the homework sheet each week. On the inside cover of the homework book you will find the log-in details for TTRockstars, which children should spend 10-15 mins on per week at home as part of their homework.
- PE with the specialist PE coaches will be on Monday. Kits should be worn to school on those days, except when the half term block is an indoor PE subject (and I will let you know about this each half term). For our first half term, children will wear their outdoor PE kit to school. However, we are lucky enough to have also been offered Yoga on Tuesday afternoons for the first Half Term only. On these Tuesdays, children must wear school uniform and they can change into their PE kit for the Yoga session. We will have Outdoor Learning in due course, but it won't happen yet. I will let you know as this opportunity becomes available to us.

Swimming will take place every Wednesday afternoon as from the first week and children are to come in to school wearing their full school uniform and ensuring that they have their swimming kit, towel and goggles in a separate bag. Children who have long hair are able to wrap the towel around their head until they arrive back at school as I appreciate they may feel cold at certain times throughout the year when the weather changes. Unfortunately, due to very tight time constraints, we will not have the time for children to be drying their hair using the facilities.

- Reading books should go home every night for those who are still on reading schemes. When your child has completed the book please sign the reading record. Please do feel free to comment in the reading record book should you need to. Mrs Turner, who will be in Class 5 at times will change books put into the box in the classroom every Thursday. Those children who are free readers are encouraged to read books which are challenging, yet still accessible. There will be a range of books available in class to choose from. However, if your child has a book or genre of book which they love to read, they are more than welcome to bring it in to school. However, this is at their own risk and for their own use.

- Please use Parent Mail for any monies, which need to come into school for any reason (trips, clubs etc). Please do not hesitate to contact me using the school's contact email or catch me after school when all children and parents have left the premises.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you soon at the Parent Meetings, where I will endeavour to answer any questions, which you may have.

Kind regards,

Mr Whipp