



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the Junior Department. The Year 5 team consists of Mrs Amal, Miss Lett, Miss Fortune, and Miss Lewis. We work closely together to create a supportive and nurturing learning environment and all members of the team are available to assist if you have any questions or require support.

We are excited to welcome the children into our Year 5 classes and look forward to an enjoyable, productive, and successful year ahead. We are confident that this will be a wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievement for all our pupils.

Year 5 children should enter the Junior Building between **8:45 am and 8:55 am** through the blue metal doors located on the right-hand side of the building. At the end of the school day, children will be dismissed from the same area at **3:15 pm**.

As this can be a busy time with many children and families present, we kindly ask named collectors to step forward and give us a wave so that we can safely dismiss their child from the class line. Please remind your child not to leave the line until their teacher has dismissed them. We also appreciate your patience as we get to know and recognise our families.

Children in Year 5 are permitted to walk home independently; however, the school must first receive a signed letter from a parent or guardian giving permission for this arrangement.

Children that will be bringing a packed lunch can place these on the packed lunch trolley located at the top of the Year 5 stairwell. If your child is having a school dinner, please pay via ParentPay. If you need help to set up a ParentPay account, please ask at the office for help. Each child should also bring a water bottle to use in school. Each child has a locker to keep their coat in and other belongings. Please make sure that everything is labelled with your child's name and class.

Each morning, we use a sign-in system based on the *Zones of Regulation* to support our pupils' wellbeing. This helps us identify any children who may be feeling sad, worried, or upset or who would benefit from having a chat with a trusted adult.

If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to a member of the Year 5 team at the beginning of the school day. We are always happy to listen and work together to support your child.

Times Tables

To support learning in mathematics, we encourage all Year 5 children to continue practising their times tables up to 12×12 . Regular practice is the most effective way to build confidence and improve recall. Displaying times tables around the home, listening to times tables songs, and using Times Tables Rock Stars on a regular basis are all excellent ways to reinforce learning and

help children master their multiplication facts. Consistent practice will have a positive impact on their progress across many areas of the Year 5 maths curriculum.

Spellings

In Year 5, spellings are given out on a Thursday and tested the following Tuesday. We use the Superhero Spelling programme to help children learn and apply spelling rules, patterns, and concepts in an engaging and structured way.

Homework

Homework will be set every Thursday and will consist of:

- Weekly spellings to practise.
- One Maths task
- One English task

The purpose of homework is to reinforce key learning from the week and support your child's progress in the classroom. Completed homework should be returned by the following Tuesday.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop positive learning habits and become confident, independent learners.

PE

Year 5 will have PE every Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day, ready to take part in all activities.

Please ensure that all items of PE clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. We also recommend that long hair is tied back and that jewellery is not worn for PE lessons, in line with the school's health and safety procedures.

Home Reading

We encourage all children to develop a love of reading and to read regularly for pleasure. Children are welcome to choose a book from our class library or enjoy reading books from home.

Reading progress can be recorded using Track My Read (please see the ClassDojo post for further information). We ask that school reading books are returned regularly so that children can continue to access a wide range of texts.

If a schoolbook is lost, please let a member of the Year 5 team know as soon as possible so that we can help resolve the issue.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey at home.

Communication

All communication will be shared through ClassDojo, Parent Mail, and the school website, so please check these platforms regularly for important updates, reminders, and information about school events.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year and are excited for all the opportunities and achievements that lie ahead.

Here's to a fantastic year!

The Year 5 Team