



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our recent Welcome Sessions. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and to share information about the year ahead.

We have put together the key information for the Autumn term in one place, including curriculum highlights and other useful reminders. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful term!

General Overview of the Term's Learning

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 5:

- **English:** Stories and non-chronological reports. Our guided reading fiction texts are 'The Explorer' and 'Holes'. We will read poems and non-fiction related to our learning in History, Science and Geography.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.
- **Science:** Pupils will investigate 'Properties of Changes of Materials' and 'Animals including humans'.
- **History/Geography:** Exploring the 'Ancient Greek' time period and Studying the Location of Countries of the World, Including Biomes and Environmental Regions
- **Art/DT:** 'Typography' and our 'Food' unit in DT.
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on singing and playing instruments following the Charanga Unit 'Classroom Jazz'.
- **PE:** Pupils will play Tag Rugby and Netball outside and focus on Gymnastics and Dance in the hall.
- **Computing:** This term we will learn about Internet Safety and using search engines, as well as using Scratch for programming music.
- **RE:** In RE we will learn about what is important to Muslims in Britain and Incarnation in Christianity.
- **Lifeskills:** This term we will think about how to 'Keep Healthy'; how to 'Keep Safe'; and our 'Relationship' unit which talks about puberty.
- **French:** We learn about phonetics, the date and 'do you have a pet?'.

PE Day

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 5 will be on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports activities.

Home learning

We expect all children to:

- **Read for 20 minutes, 5 times each week**
- **Practise their allocated spellings on Spelling Shed at least once each week**
- **Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) 10 mins 5 times each week**

Research consistently shows that **little and often** is the most effective approach. Establishing regular routines at home helps children to develop positive learning habits and gives them the best opportunity to succeed. Even a few minutes each day can have a significant impact over time.



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Healthy Snacks and Hydration

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,
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