

# Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to you all. It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week as we really missed seeing them for transition before the summer holidays! We have been discussing new rules and how to keep safe, as well as doing some of the fun activities we had originally planned for transition.

Usually at this time of year, we would have been able to invite parents in for a "Meet and Greet" session with the teachers and other adults in year 5 but this year, due to the current circumstances, we are not able to do this. Therefore, this letter will include important information that we would have shared with you on that day.

Hopefully all of you should have received some correspondence before the summer holidays which introduced you to the Year 5 team (Mrs Allcock, Mrs Underdown, Miss Whittle and the TAs, Mrs Fordham and Mrs Wells).

## Curriculum



Our topic for terms 1 and 2 will be "What a wonderful World" although we will be concentrating on this predominantly in term 2 because this term we are going to concentrate on re-adjusting to being back at school. We will be doing English and Maths every morning as we would normally have done and will start reading our class text, "Running Wild" by Michael Morpurgo. We will also be covering the other subjects in the afternoon. One of these subjects is PE.



Our PE days are TUESDAY and THURSDAY in term 1 and we are asking that all children wear their PE kit to and from school on this day. If it is colder then they can wear black or navy tracksuit bottoms (or blue/black PE shorts if they prefer in warmer weather) with their house t-shirt, school jumper and trainers. Therefore we do not need to keep the PE bags in school for the time being this year. Also the children must have removed any jewellery before school on these days, so no earrings please.

## Reading



We are in the process of hearing all the children read individually and assessing their reading and once this has been done the children will be able to bring a reading book home. They will have the book for several days to allow them time to read at home and once the book has been completed it can be changed. The book will need to come

into school every day even if they haven't finished it so that an adult can continue to hear them read in school too. The home contact books will not be coming home and we do not expect any handwritten notes to come in from home regarding reading. Any important messages can be emailed or alternatively you can phone the office and they can get important messages to us.

Children will have a library session each week on a Wednesday in which they will learn library skills but, for now, they will not be bringing library books home.



### Home learning

We will be sending spellings home weekly via email from next week and we will be asking children to learn them for the following week. A home learning grid with activities to complete over terms 1 and 2 will also be emailed home, which is similar to last year, which will include some tasks linked to our topic. We are asking that any models or artwork are photographed and emailed in, as we are trying to limit the amount of things travelling to and from school for hygiene reasons.

Forest school - will take place in term 3 and you will receive more information nearer the time.



### Mobile phones and walking home

From Year 5, children are permitted to walk home on their own if we have written permission from their parents. To avoid notes coming into school from home we ask that you give your permission via email or a telephone call. Anyone who does not have parental consent will not be able to walk home by themselves. Those children who can walk home on their own are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school for safety purposes. Before they can do this, they have to be given a mobile phone contract that explains all the rules for conduct with the phone, that has to be signed by both the parent and child to agree that the rules will be adhered to. Once this has been signed and returned to school, the children will be able to bring the phone to school where it will be safely stored in a secure drawer for the day. It will then be returned to them at the end of the day.

As always, if there are any questions please feel free to email or phone via the office and we will try to answer any queries.

Take care,

The Year 5 team.