

Year 5 information Autumn 2021

Dear Parent(s),

Welcome back! I hope that you will find the following information useful as your child starts in Year 5.

Reading

Reading comprehension skills are essential to your child's success in learning. We shall once again be sending library books home. I would be most grateful if you could encourage your child to read as much as possible every night. There is a superb collection of online reading books available on the Oxford Owl website. I have sent a postcard to your child, via our Home Learning Platform - Purple Mash, reminding them how to access these resources.



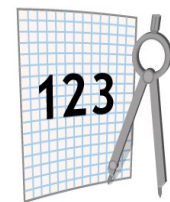
The emphasis, as always, is very much on reading for enjoyment at home and we will continue to develop and monitor your child's reading fluency and comprehension skills in school.

With this in mind, I shall be setting a weekly reading comprehension task, either on paper or on Purple Mash.

Maths

We shall be following our White Rose Maths curriculum in order to revisit and consolidate learning from last year, whilst developing new and exciting Y5 Maths skills!

It is really important that children are able to recall multiplication facts to 12X12 (and beyond) quickly and accurately. "Monster Multiplication" on Purple Mash is a great way to practise these skills.



In addition to the weekly Maths homework task, it would be really useful if they could practise their "Mad Minutes" times tables at home each night. These are available to download from the Year 5 folder on Purple Mash.

Spellings

The children are taught spellings through a systematic spelling programme - Read Write Inc. Spelling. This helps them to spell new words correctly and gives them plenty of opportunities to practise spelling them. We include exception words and homophones. Weekly spelling homework will be set on Purple Mash. Paper copies will also be sent home on Mondays. The full list of this year's spellings along with tricky Orange Words is available to download and print from the Year 5 folder. This can then be stuck on the fridge door to learn!



Homework

As mentioned above, homework tasks (2Dos) will be either be set on Purple Mash or will be sent home as paper copies, as appropriate.

Reading comprehension, Maths and spelling tasks will be set on Monday for completion by Thursday.

It is important that your child learns to organise and be independent in their homework tasks and not leave it until the last minute!



Covid and Home Learning

In the event of your child needing to work from home as a result of illness due to Covid, we will once again provide resources to enable them to keep learning until they are able to return to school. I'm sure we all hope that this won't be necessary!

P.E.

P.E. will be on Fridays this term and will take place outside. On this day, children should come to school wearing their school polo shirt, school sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Drinks in school

Your child may bring water in a NAMED sports bottle. These should be filled at home and taken home each night to be cleaned. Children can of course refill them during the day, when necessary.



If you wish for any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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