

Welcome to Year 5

Year 5 Teachers

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Year 5





Now is the time for your child to develop more independence.

- Homework
- Planners
- P.E Kit

Homework

***Out Thursday each week
Homework in from Monday
Must be in by Wednesday***

► Spellings

- 10 spelling words each week will be tested each Friday.

The spelling words will come from:

- The spelling rule taught in class that week in our spelling lesson.
- The Sir Linkalot pack for that term.
- The Year 5/6 'statutory word list'.
- There will always be a challenge section of words for those of you who wish to challenge yourselves.
 - Evidence of this should be dated and recorded in back of the red literacy homework books.

Using your individual word list write your words in rainbow writing.

fall

Make a crossword with your spelling words.

g
r
h e l p
a
t

sgrilleps

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Count the letters in your spelling words. Write them in order of least letter to most letters.

spellings

Write your spelling words in a spiral. Start from the centre and work out.

that fall come

Using your individual word list write each word in its word shape.

spellings

Write your spelling words in alphabetical order.

ape
bear
crocodile

Write your spelling words and circle the little words in each word.

whether

Homework

- ▶ We understand that in Year 5, the Kent Test, for some of you, is prevalent in your mind.
- ▶ However, to avoid unnecessary stress for your child, please can you ensure that school work is a priority over and above any set by a tutor.
- ▶ Don't let your child become overloaded - happy child = happy teacher = happy parents!

Planners

Planners in on Fridays

- ▶ What to write?
- ▶ Which books to read?
- ▶ How to support at home:

It is most effective for children to experience a mixture of reading independently, reading aloud with an adult and listening to an adult or an audiobook.

Please also monitor your child's comprehension by chatting to them about their what they've been reading.

Advantages of reading regularly

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

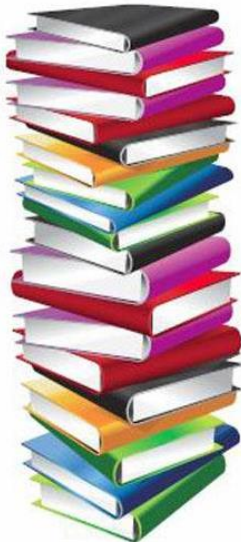
Child A



Reads 20 minutes
per day

3,600 minutes
per school year

1,800,000 words
per school year



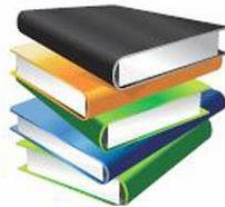
Child B



Reads 5 minutes
per day

900 minutes
per school year

282,000 words
per school year



Child C



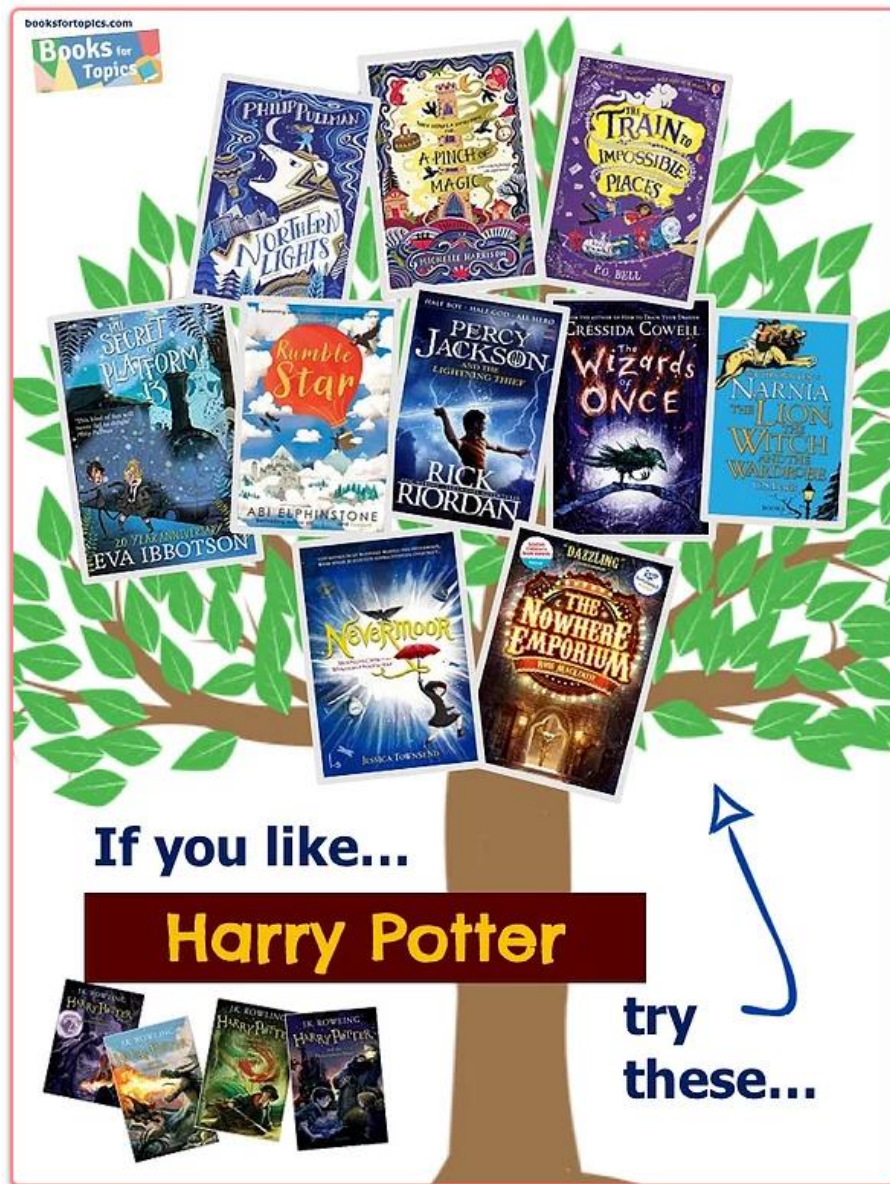
Reads 1 minute
per day

180 minutes
per school year

8,000 words
per school year



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Parent Readers

VOLUNTEER PARENT READERS

We are looking for **parent volunteers** to come into school and read with the children in the afternoons. You will be given more information before you start and will require a DBS check. The reading sessions will run between **1.30pm and 3.30pm** on the following days:

Year 6— Monday

Year 5— Wednesday

Year 4— Thursday

Year 3— Tuesday



You can volunteer for any amount of time you have free. It would be helpful for our planning if you can commit to a weekly session. To register your interest, please go to www.schoolgateway.com, and indicate the times you are available in the comments box.

PE and Games

- ▶ Year 5 games on a Thursday this term. It may change each term. We will keep you informed.
- ▶ This half term we are alternating between tag rugby and lacrosse.
- ▶ Swimming -
5S and 5A on a Monday and 5J on a Wednesday up to half term (goggles).

PE Kit

- ▶ Gumshield and shinpads required for hockey.
No gumshield = no hockey.
- ▶ Children should have their PE kit in school every day;
please ensure all items are named.
- ▶ Amherst or plain navy t-shirt, shorts and white socks.
- ▶ Trainers (in wet weather, you will need clean trainers or plimsoles for indoor sports)
- ▶ Swimming trunks for boys / one piece for girls; swimming hats, goggles and a towel for everyone.
- ▶ **Optional:** Navy blue school sweatshirt/Team Amherst hoodie and navy blue jogging trousers for cold weather.
- ▶ Football/rugby boots (soft studs), shin pads and knee-high navy socks.
- ▶ For swimming, children should wear a swimming costume or trunks (not shorts) and a swimming cap. Goggles are personal preference.
- ▶ **All school kit is available to buy through the office.**

Educational Visits/Activities

We are very excited to have booked in trips. These will still be dependent on the current guidelines not bringing back restrictions.

- ▶ Tues 27th (5S/J) and Wed 28th (5A) to Knole House/Park
- ▶ Friday 14th October - Victorian Day at the Museum of Kent Life (Costume needed)
- ▶ Bread making D.T. activity - Date TBC
- ▶ Future trips include: Rainforest animals workshop, British Museum.



Equipment

All children this term will need:

- ▶ A good quality fountain pen with plenty of spare blue ink cartridges
- ▶ Metal compass
- ▶ Protractor
- ▶ Multi-coloured fine liners
- ▶ Glue
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Ruler
- ▶ Spare whiteboard pens
- ▶ A calculator

They should also have a pocket dictionary and thesaurus to support their literacy work. Please ensure your children have everything they need and that all equipment is labelled.

Key Dates for your Diary

- ▶ 6th October - School Photographs
- ▶ 11th November (2.45pm) - Open Afternoon
- ▶ 15th and 16th November - Individual Parents' Evening

Transition to Secondary

- ▶ You will be beginning to consider which secondary school your child might attend.
- ▶ Whether your child will be taking the Kent Test or not next September, this is an important academic year for all of them.
- ▶ Make sure you and your child look around a variety of secondary schools this year, both in and out of school hours.
- ▶ There will be a separate Year 5 Parent Consultation in June to help you make an informed choice as to whether you choose your child to sit the Kent Test.

Miscellaneous

▶ Music lessons

- ▶ Children should only have one lesson during curriculum time, in the afternoon.
- ▶ If your child is away or on a school trip, it is your responsibility to inform their music teacher.

▶ Clubs

- ▶ Your child should inform the person running the club if they are going to be absent or no longer wish to participate.
- ▶ We encourage every child to attend at least one club.

▶ Parent-Teacher Communication

- ▶ For quick questions/issues, please feel free to chat to the class teacher at the gate.
- ▶ Meetings should be arranged via the school office.

▶ School Website

- ▶ Please look regularly at the school website and read the school newsletters for updates and information.

Any questions?



After this meeting

- ▶ Once we have finished in the hall, there is the opportunity to visit your child's classroom.
- ▶ If you are ready to leave even after five minutes, please don't feel pressure to stay!
- ▶ We have individual Parent Consultations in November to discuss your child's academic progress.

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