

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5. We are very much looking forward to working with your children in September; we hope they are just as excited for the year ahead of them. This letter provides a few reminders about equipment as well as some information about the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge. More detailed information will follow at the start of the academic year. If you have any questions about transition from Year 4 into Year 5, please do not hesitate to contact your child's new teacher before the end of term.

Class Based Equipment

- A pencil case containing:
 - Ink handwriting pen
 - HB pencils
 - Coloured pencils
 - Coloured fineliners
 - Sharpener
 - Scissors
 - Clear 30cm ruler (non-flexible and preferably with cm and mm)
 - Rubber (please avoid novelty/scented rubbers)
 - Black dry wipe pens
 - Glue sticks (please ensure these are replaced when they run out)
 - Compass
 - Protractor
- A dictionary and thesaurus



Stationery packs are available from the school at a cost of £12.00 (Retail price +/-£25.00). Please order via www.schoolgateway.com. **All orders will be given to the children on the first day of school in September.**

Games and Swimming Kit

We will inform you about which day your child has Games and Swimming in September and which clothing/equipment will be required.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt and shorts
- White socks
- Trainers (in wet weather, clean trainers or plimsolls for indoor sports)
- Football or hockey boots (soft studs), shin pads and knee-high football socks
- Navy blue school sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta> by Friday 21/07/2023) and navy blue jogging trousers for cold weather (optional)
- Swimming trunks (not loose fitting shorts) for boys/one piece for girls; swimming hat, goggles (optional) and a towel for everyone

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Holiday Homework

We strongly encourage all children to continue reading regularly during the summer holidays, enjoying books both independently and together as a family. For our homework we are inviting children to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative which aims to encourage children to keep up a reading habit during the break from school. This year, it is a sports and games themed challenge (*Ready, Set, Read*) which aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer holidays. Children can sign up on the website www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk or at a local library, and you can watch an introductory video by clicking [here](#). We look forward to hearing how the children get on with this challenge. During the year, we study: *Street Child*, *The Explorer*, *Holes* and *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. It would be greatly appreciated if you could **not** read these before our study of them, if you haven't already.

We also recommend all children continue to focus on their times table recall, as these facts should all now be learnt by the end of Year Four and form an important part of Maths lessons in class.

Finally, we do hope that you enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing keen, refreshed faces in September.

Many thanks for your continuing support

Mrs A. Archer

Miss T. Jones

Mr S. Hafford-Robson

