

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.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 17th September at 4.00pm, during which we will share key information and you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and chat to their teacher. If you have any questions or queries which you would like to raise with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can arrange an appointment.

Class Based Equipment

- A pencil case containing:
 - Handwriting pen (preferably either an ink pen with cartridges, or Pilot Frixion)
 - 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)
- A dictionary and thesaurus



Stationery packs are available from the school at a cost of £12.00 – please order via www.schoolgateway.com
All orders will be given to the children on the first day of school in September. They will bring it home for labelling.

Games Kit

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

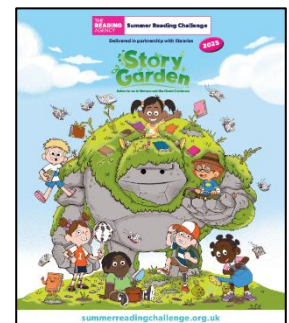
- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt and shorts
- White socks
- Trainers (in wet weather, clean trainers or plimsolls for indoor sports)
- Football or hockey boots (soft studs), shin pads and knee-high football socks
- Navy blue school sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order via <https://app.classlist.com> by Friday 31/07/2025) and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather.

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. Children can sign up on the website <https://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 desired, children could read about our upcoming topics over the summer: The Victorians, Rainforests, Ancient Greeks, Earth and Space.



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 they form an important part of Maths lessons in class, as well as focusing on being able to read the time, and tying shoelaces and ties for themselves.

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, Mrs S. Carver and Mrs T. Siddorns