

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5. We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and that your child has settled back into school and is enjoying being in their new class. We have very much enjoyed getting to know your children over the past week. We are particularly impressed with how well they have remembered the Amherst rules and behaviour.

This letter is intended to answer some of the questions you may have at this stage of term. We will be able to expand on this information at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on **Wednesday 16th September at 4.00pm**. This session will be an opportunity to meet the Year 5 teachers and to find out important information such as routines, expectations and exciting events in the year ahead. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the school office if you need to see us.

Dates for your diary

Please refer to our newsletter, weekly sent on Fridays, for important dates regarding trips, parent consultations, workshops, open afternoons and much more.

Topics

This list is not definitive but it gives you an idea of the areas being addressed this term. In order to aid your child's research, our topics for the autumn term are:

- **Literacy:**
 - *Street Child* (Berlie Doherty – linking to our current topic, Victorians)
 - *Victorian texts*

Feel free to purchase a copy of these texts for your child to bring in to school, but please wait to read them until we have introduced them in class.

- **Maths:** Place Value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions.
- **Science:** Earth, Sun and Moon, Properties of Materials.
- **History:** The Victorians
- **Computing:** Computing Systems and networks, Internet Safety, use of Microsoft PowerPoint
- **RE:** Green religion. What do religious and non-religious worldviews teach about caring for the Earth?

Homework

Maths and English: Each week, Mental Arithmetic books will be handed out on **Thursdays**, to be returned at the latest by the following **Tuesday**. We ask for one test to be completed. It is imperative that the children complete any corrections each week.

In addition, Literacy work will be handed out on **Thursdays**. This Literacy homework should be completed and returned at the latest by the following **Tuesday**.

Spelling: Your child should practise the 10 spelling words for the Weekly Spelling Test the following week. We will expect to see evidence of spelling practice in their English Homework Books. 10 words will be drawn from these sources:

- The spelling rule taught in class that week in our spelling lesson.
- The National Curriculum's Year 5/6 'statutory word list'.

Reading: Your child should be encouraged to read for at least half an hour daily whether independently or with an adult. The children must record the book title and the pages read in their

planners along with a comment per week. A parent or guardian must sign the reading each week. **Planners** are looked at on **Fridays** and will also be used throughout the week, so **must be in school every day**.

Games and PE

Children should come to school in their PE kit on the days their class has PE. It is important children remember their football boots as well as their trainers. When the weather is colder, they will also need tracksuits and coats.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt, shorts and white socks
- Trainers (in wet weather, you will need clean trainers for indoor sports)
- Navy blue school sweatshirt and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather
- **Will advise when needed:** Football/rugby boots (soft studs), shin pads and knee-high navy socks, hockey gum shields.

Rowan	Beech	Willow
Gymnastics Monday	Gymnastics Monday	Gymnastics Monday
Hockey on a Thursday (gum shield)	Hockey on a Thursday (gum shield)	Tag rugby on a Thursday

Rowan and Beech will need gum shields and shin pads for hockey on Thursdays.

The Year 5 staff are very much looking forward to a busy and productive year with your children.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss P Jones, Miss Huntley, Miss Carver, Mrs Siddorns and Mr Taylor