

Hannah Ball School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks in Year 5! Year 5 is an exciting time as the children enter Upper Key Stage 2.

Over the course of the year, the children will be studying exciting new topics, exploring a variety of texts and hopefully going on visits throughout the year to help support their learning in the classroom.

The Year 5 team

Mrs. Harris is the Learning Support Assistant in Year 5 and will be working with the class, small groups and individual children on a daily basis. We work very closely together and communicate daily, so please feel free to speak to either of us if you have any concerns.

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. **All uniform must be named.** If earrings are worn, because your child has recently been pierced, then they should be covered by tape. Otherwise no earrings should be worn. Long hair should be tied back neatly.

PE

Please make sure your child comes into school prepared each day. **PE will take place on Thursday.** Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their correct PE kit on this day. Year 5 will also be **swimming** on Thursdays and will need their swim kit in addition to wearing their PE kit.

If your child cannot take part for a particular medical reason, then please make sure you write a note for the teacher.

<u>Indoor P.E</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E</u>	<u>Swimming</u>
Black plimsolls	Trainers (any colour)	Swim shorts/
White T- shirt	Black jogging bottoms (trousers/leggings)	Swimming costume
Black shorts	White T-shirt	Towel
	Black sweatshirt or jumper (no zips or hoods)	Goggles

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Attached is this term's topic overview. We will share curriculum topic overviews with you at the beginning of each half term. These can also be found on our website under class areas. In addition to topic overviews, you can also access knowledge organisers under class areas. Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key facts and essential knowledge that pupils need about a topic or a curriculum subject. We hope these will be a really clear and easy way for you as parents to be more aware of what your children are learning at school and thus help you support them.

Reading books and Planners

These should be in a school book bag and brought into school **every day**. Planners will be checked daily and reading books, changed weekly or as necessary. Please make sure you record any reading your child does at home in their planner, otherwise their books will not be changed. The expectation is that your child will read to an adult at home every day. In Year 5 we also encourage the children to record their own reading in their planner. Your child's planner will also act as a home school diary, however if there is something immediate that the class teacher should know, and then please inform them before school.

In addition to their reading book, your child will also have the opportunity to visit the school library for extra reading books that interest them and have full access to the Myon reading site. They can also share these books with you at home.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Spelling practice also forms part of the weekly homework and should be handed in each Monday. In addition, the children will need to spend time each week on Times Tables Rockstars and Maths Whizz. All children will have a set Myon project to complete each half term as well, so lots to keep them busy!

Spelling

Spelling words will be sent out at the beginning of each half term. The lists are stuck in the homework books. The relevant spelling list must be learnt each week and the children will be tested the following Monday. They should also complete the spelling homework activity for each list as well. This helps them to learn them to words, understand the meaning of the words and how to use them in context.

Times tables

In addition to spellings, children will be tested on their timetables every Wednesday and Friday. It is important that they practice these using 'Times Tables Rockstars' as part of their Maths homework each week.

Fruit and Water

In KS2, children are no longer provided with a piece of fruit for their break time however, if they wish, they can bring in a snack for their break time. This should be a healthy snack, ideally fruit. It is essential that your child has a named bottle of water with them each day to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,

Mrs Knox

Year 5 class teacher