



# Ladygrove Park Primary School

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## Year 5 Curriculum Letter- Term 5 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, as always, we would like to thank you for all your help and support in Term 4. It has been a very busy term! The children have really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and have created some beautiful artwork and written some great Greek myths.

To help you support your child with their learning in Term 5, we have outlined the basic areas of study. We hope this information will give you an insight into your child's education.

### Homework:

Thank you for your continued support with the homework. **We would like to encourage all children to complete at least one of the tasks on this term's menu.** We look forward to seeing their hard work. Spelling homework will continue to be set and collected in on a Wednesday and maths on a Thursday. Children are also expected to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

### Reading:

-  We expect children to have daily opportunities to read **to**, or **with**, someone at home, as well as independently; reading can include: books, newspapers, magazines, online reading, ebooks, reading tablets, information books, adverts, menus, poems, song lyrics – the list is endless. The important thing is that your child reads regularly and enjoys, and is engaged with their reading!
-  We would like you to encourage your child to record their own reading in their Reading Diary in a simple way e.g. date, title/piece read and any personal comment they would like to add.
-  Please feel free to add any comments or questions in to your child's Reading Diary. **Teachers will collect the Reading Diary in and a purple star will be awarded for determination if there is clear evidence of regular reading.**

**Daily Organisation:** Children are required to be in school by 8.40 a.m. Please encourage your child to line up when they arrive at school in the morning so that we can welcome them in when we come out.

### Curriculum:

**English:** This term in Literacy, our writing will be based around our topic 'Rushing Rivers'. We will be writing explanation texts about the water cycle and we will also be exploring poetry. We will continue to teach whole class reading using a variety of different text types.

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**Maths:** This term we will be continuing developing our knowledge of multiplication and division, including written methods. We will also be moving on to deepening our knowledge of area. Please encourage your child to practise and apply mental maths skills. This could be quick responses to times tables, calculating change required in shops, the length of a television programme or estimating measures: e.g. distances, temperature and length. The children are also encouraged to partake in Times Table Rockstars to help improve their fluency within multiplication facts.

**Science:** This term we will be investigating forces such as water and air resistance as well as learning about the water cycle.

**Topic:** Our main topic for this term is Rivers. We will be following the journey of a river from source to the sea.

**PE:** Correctly named PE kit should be kept in school all week. Children should bring their PE kit in on a Monday morning and take it home on a Friday afternoon to be washed. A reminder that PE kits should consist of: navy blue shorts, a plain white t-shirt or house coloured logo t-shirt and trainers for indoor PE; and jogging bottoms and a sweat shirt for outdoor PE. **Please can we ensure that children have one pair of shoes for outside PE, and another for indoor PE.** Year 5 PE Days are Tuesday and Friday.

**French:** This term we will learning how to talk about our hobbies and which flavour ice-creams we prefer!

**Computing:** We will be learning how to blog and contribute to our Year 5 blog. Keep an eye out for our publications!

**Class 13:** We will continue learning to play the ukulele for the first two Friday afternoons in Term 5. Please remember to bring in your instrument.

**Important Dates:**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary whole school picnic (see newsletter for details)**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Class photos**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Cake crumbly**

**We are hoping to organise a Rivers trip next term. Look out for details soon.**

If you have any problems, questions or concerns do feel free to discuss them with us, bearing in mind that before school is a very busy time.

Vicky Owen, Cathryn Fernandez, Kim Adlam and Heather Manthorpe  
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