

A guide to Year 5

Homework

Written homework will be limited to once a week initially and will be given on a Friday and must be handed in by the following Wednesday. It is vital it is returned on time as we use it to support learning in class that day. Homework will vary between English, Maths and occasional learning logs. The children will be able to choose a reading book and this can be changed on a Wednesday. Please help to encourage them to read for enjoyment as regularly as they can. Reading and vocabulary work will happen daily in class. Separate information will be sent home shortly regarding spellings, the children will not have a weekly spelling test but tested half termly on Year 5/6 statutory spellings and the non-negotiables.

We know there will be a lot of changes for the children as they move in to Year 5 but we are confident they will soon settle in, please do ask if you are unsure about anything. We hope the children enjoy their time in Year 5, we are looking forward to working with them and helping them make further progress.

PE kits need to be in school every **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child has **a white t-shirt and black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms. Trainers are also helpful this half term.**

Your child should have a water bottle in school. Evidence shows that drinking water regularly hydrates the brain and helps us to learn – therefore, water should be readily available when needed.

All children should be wearing black pumps inside school and they should also have a bag to keep them in. Please ensure that pumps and all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name.

Year 5 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready to put in the effort and hard work that Mr Gibbons witnessed last year.

At the beginning of each half term a newsletter similar to this one will be sent home so please watch out for it. The newsletter aims to give you some details about the Year 5 routines and give you an overview of what the children will be learning during the half term. This year the children will be taught by myself and on a Friday Mrs Hughes will be in class.

There will be a **Year 5 parent meeting** on **Thursday 21st September** at **2.15pm**; this will be an opportunity for you to meet some of the staff who work in Year 5, see the Year 5 classroom, look at some examples of the standard of work expected in Year 5 and to ask any questions that you may have. For those of you that are unable to attend but may have some questions please feel free to contact me on the door, via Class Dojo or email lince@ourladys.org – further information about Year 5 and photographs taken throughout the year will be posted on Class Dojo and at times on our school website: www.ourladys.org

Mrs Ince

Autumn Term 1—Curriculum Map

English

During this half term we will be reading and completing work around the book 'The Twits' by **Roald Dahl** – a well loved family favourite! The children will have fun looking at his use of vocabulary, describing characters, investigating plot and acting in role. They will then use these experiences to draft, edit and present a piece of writing related to the work on Roald Dahl. The children will also have plenty of opportunity to put their ICT skills to good effect as they use digital cameras, ipads and computers to support their work. Spellings, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) will feature in most English lessons and the children will complete a weekly grammar check.

Maths

We will begin this academic year looking at place value and the number system. The children will also produce their own Maths map so they can identify where they are at in Maths, where they are going and how they will get there. Times tables will continue to be a focus, the children should be practising their times tables every week. The children have table charts in school and we will have frequent times tables tests. Please encourage your child to learn their tables, a few table questions each day, to work out as quickly as they can, will help to improve the speed of their recall. All children nationally are expected to know all the times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4.

Science

Our first science topic will be Forces. The children will be finding out more about pushes and pulls, gravity and air and water resistance. There will be opportunities to use their investigation skills as they carry out tests of friction and how to create the best parachute. Mrs Hughes will teach Science this half term.

RE

We begin the year with the topic of Creation. The children will learn about the Creation of the World, they will have chance to reflect on the part we should play in taking care of the world and find out about significant Saints who inspire us to respect creation.

Art

Painting is the focus of this half term. We will look at how artists represent the weather in their paintings and learn to apply paint in different ways. Year 5's artist will be Monet.

DT

This half term we will be focusing on Art.

Computing

The children will further develop their research and presentation skills and then they will become web designers. E-safety will be revisited regularly throughout the year.

PE

This year PE will be taught in two parts—one hour will be dedicated to skill development and fitness with the other hour on invasion games this half term.

History

This half term we will be focusing on our Geography topic.

Geography

Weather and climate will be our topic this half term. We will develop our knowledge of different weather types and also improve our mapping skills.

Music

We will be exploring rhythm and pulse using voice and instruments. We will use African rhythms and song patterns. Mrs Hughes will teach music.

MFL

The children will build upon the French they learned in Y4. Mrs Hughes will teach French.