

## **School Visits and Activities**

During the coming year a number of visits and activities are planned. These will supplement the Year 5 curriculum. It is essential that permission slips are returned promptly to the teacher and that any money is paid in advance. All classes take part in at least one visit per year. Visits to local schools for sporting and community events are also organised. Some visits may require a voluntary parental contribution. Where possible these visits are subsidised in order to reduce the burden on parents. However if insufficient contributions are received we reserve the right to cancel the event.

**Burwell House-** In the Autumn term, Year 5 will spend 3 nights away from home; looking after themselves, whilst having the opportunity to use the film studios and green screens at Burwell House. This is an exciting chance for our pupils to present their Literacy work in a media format. This usually involves the children filming their own news reports- which you then get the chance to watch!

## **Letters forms and monies**

Absence notes, permission slips and money can be placed in the box by the office or the children can put them in the class box during registration. These should come in a named envelope with the purpose and amount clearly marked. All absences must be accompanied by a note, even if we have already been notified in person or by

telephone. Please send absence notes in on the first day back at school. An absence form is available from the office if you prefer.

## **Holiday tasks**

The summer holiday should be a time of relaxation and fun – however some children find it extremely difficult to settle back into a school routine and this means their learning and that of their peers can be disrupted. We suggest that you still find time for regular reading, accessing Mathletics, Bug club and maybe a small focus on times tables.

## **Any Questions**

If you have any questions please feel free to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to working with you next year.

Miss Z Shaw



# Welcome to Year 5

**Information for pupils and  
parents**

## Welcome to Year 5.

This is the penultimate year at Templewood for our students. We will be asking to see role-model behaviours from our new cohort and encouraging them all to take pride and ownership of their learning, as well as their behaviours; showing their younger peers how to walk sensibly around the school, model politeness and an enthusiasm towards school life and learning. Parents are encouraged to let their children take responsibility for their own belongings e.g. ensuring that their homework and P.E. kits are in school on the correct day.

### Buddies

Year 5 have the added opportunity to become a buddy for the KS 1 pupils; supporting them during playtime by initiating games and modelling friendly play. This is a responsibility that we hope children will want to take on but they must apply for the job!

### Responsibilities

The children are responsible for keeping the classroom tidy; putting away learning resources and their own equipment. **Year 5 have additional responsibilities around the school,**

## How you can help

### Equipment they need:

Please provide your child with the following NAMED items:

- A water bottle with sports cap (water only)
- A bag for carrying books to and from school which must be brought in every day. Along with their home school link books, reading books, learning logs (On Tuesdays) and spelling books.
- A PE bag
- A flat pencil case that will fit in the pupil drawers (optional)

### NAMED P.E. kit:

- School PE shirt and **black** shorts with **black** tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. (Girls may wear black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for modesty throughout the year.)
- Black plimsolls for indoor games
- Trainers for outdoor games
- Micropore tape to cover stud earrings if necessary.

At no time should any earrings other than simple studs be worn in school; hooped or dangly earrings are unsafe in the school environment.

For your own convenience, PE kit should be brought in at the beginning of term and taken home only at half term and the end of term.

## Supporting your child's learning at home

### Every day:

Please continue to listen to your child read. Encourage them to:

- Engage in a reading book
- Check their home school link book
- Give you any letters independently
- Complete their homework independently.
- Discuss their learning with you
- To get to school by 8.50am.
- Practise their spellings at least 3 times a week.

### Every Week:

Spellings will be handed out on Mondays and need to be returned on Fridays. Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. Homework that is not returned on this day **may not be able to be marked**. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to illness or other social commitments then please write a note in your child's HSLB explaining this. If your child is unable to complete their learning log at home then there is also learning Log club after school on a Thursday evening.