

# MARY EXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent & Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your child has returned refreshed and ready for the busy, but exciting year ahead. The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 5. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential.

The Year 5 team are here to help and support you and your child at Mary Exton School.

Class teacher – Mrs Walters

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Bhatti, Miss Sutton.

## Parent Surgery

It is important to encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately. Appointments can be booked via the school office.

## Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

Please see the attached Year 5 Curriculum Map for the Autumn term. This provides an overview of the key topics and skills that will be covered this term.

## Reading

Children are expected to read every day. This does not need to be with an adult, however hearing your child read aloud and having an opportunity for discussion is beneficial regardless of what their reading ability is. In year 5, we request that when they finish a book, they complete a book review. The blank book review templates are kept in the classroom. This will enable us to monitor the children's understanding of the books they are reading as well as monitor the sorts of books they are reading.

## Spelling

At the start of a half term, children will be issued with a grid which outlines the spellings to be tested in each week of that half term. Children are expected to practise and learn the spellings ready for the test which will happen on a Thursday. At times, it may be that children are given additional spellings to help support their learning.

## Mathematics

By year 5, children are expected to know multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. The children will be tested regularly on their times tables as well as their general mental arithmetic. Practising these skills at home as often as possible is essential as it is fundamental for a lot of the Maths they will be learning.

### Topic grid / homework

At the beginning of the half term, children will be issued with a homework grid. Each week, the children can choose one activity to complete. Please ensure that you (parent or carer) sign and date the homework grid each week to indicate which activity the child has completed. Homework should be handed in on a Friday.

### P.E

It is important to have a PE kit available in school all week. The children need a labelled PE kit and trainers for when we go on the field. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder.

### Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school uniform at all times and that it is all named.

### Timetable

Your child has been given a timetable to take home with them, in order for them to keep track on the equipment they will require on a daily basis. We hope that this will also encourage the children to organise their school bag at home. If you would like another one please ask!

### Equipment

In upper KS2, children are allowed to bring a pencil case of a sensible size. Equipment should include:

- 2 HB pencils
- a glue stick
- an eraser
- a blue Berol handwriting pen (first one provided)
- a purple polishing pen (first one provided)
- highlighter
- a ruler
- a pencil sharpener

It is essential that the children have this equipment with them every day and they may well want to leave the pencil case in their trays to ensure that they are ready to learn.

Felt pens, coloured pencils, scissors and mathematical equipment will be provided by the school, so please do not bring any to school. Please ensure that there are no eraser pens or correction fluids included.

### Educational Visits/Workshops

We will visit the British Schools Museum here in Hitchin on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. A letter will follow shortly. The approximate cost will be £7.00.

The children will be enjoying a residential trip to Burwell House on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November for a two night stay. More details to follow shortly.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment. I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*J Walters*

Mrs Julie Walters  
Class Teacher

