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## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/s,

We welcome your child to Year 5 and upper KS2! I would like to take this opportunity to express how delighted we all are to be teaching your children this year. The Year 5 team is Mrs I. Lunn and Mrs Waldron. The children have settled very quickly into the routines of upper Key stage 2 and we have hit the ground running with good standards of work. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and feel privileged to be part of their special learning journey.

### Responsibilities

This year, your child will continue to have their own school pencil case so they can take care of all their school stationery helping them to be more independent taking care of their belongings. These are provided by school and will be kept in their draw from day to day.

Gradually, throughout the year the children will gain more responsibilities and opportunities that tie in with being in upper Key Stage 2 like leading sports activities at lunch and representing our school in more sporting events.

You will have probably already noticed that your child has their school diary and reading book. We will use the diary as a tool for home/school correspondence. You can record any notes or reading each week as normal. It is important we continue to help your child be independent so could you encourage them to bring notes to our attention so we can respond quickly.

### Reading

Due to less classroom support, we have changed our reading book procedures. The children will change and choose their own books in Year 5 and we will monitor the amount of reading but we will no longer record every book they have read as we do not have time. Please can you encourage your child to read daily both their chosen school books as well as their own favourites from home. Although most of them are independent readers and no longer need to read aloud daily to an adult, it is still important to do so here and there to discuss the storyline, characters and new language with an adult. This helps them with their text comprehension, which is now the main focus of reading in Y5.

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### Home Learning

Each Friday your child will receive some home learning tasks, which will reinforce their school learning for example focus tricky word spellings and mental arithmetic. We will focus on the spellings in class throughout the week and sometimes they will be repeated to ensure accuracy. Also the mental arithmetic will already have been completed in school that week but sent home for extra independent practice.

Every so often, I will also send home a learning task that will provide background information on a topic or support topics we are studying in class. These tasks will be open to interpretation and presentation. It is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you. I would ask if they could vary how they present their task to practice their skills:

- Word processing or use of I.T. programmes
- Practice handwriting
- Composition of sentences (fiction and non-fiction writing)
- Art
- Model making - Design Technology

There will be a specific date for completion if it is needed in school to support learning otherwise the date will be left open. The children will get opportunities to share their tasks with friends. These will not be marked but will give them opportunities to dig deeper with their learning.

### P.E

**Wednesday AM** - swimming kit

**Thursday PM** - Outdoor P.E. (p.e. kit (white polo t-shirt and navy shorts) with trainers and tracksuit in the colder weather) Athletics

Please find listed below the topics that Year 5 will be covering during the Autumn term:

### Literacy

- Character descriptions
- Simple/compound and complex sentences
- Varied use of more ambitious connectives
- Introduction to relative clauses
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Non-fiction reading and writing related to space
- Greek Myths linked to constellations



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### Numeracy

- Place Value- Reading, writing and ordering of numbers up to 1 million
- Efficient written methods of all 4 operations + - x ÷
- Roman numerals to 1000
- Negative numbers

### R.E

- Creation
- Commandments and Advent

### Spanish

They will continue with the Spanish scheme where they left off last year with Mrs Czerwik on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Topic

Space Explorers - timeline of events in space exploration  
Galileo's theory  
Links between constellations and Greek Myths  
Events of the very first moon landing

### Science

Earth and Beyond - solar system and properties of the planets  
Phases of the moon  
Three types of rock and their properties  
Impact of asteroids on land

### Art

Star Nebulae in chalk  
Peter Thorpe art using a variety of different mediums paying attention to light and shadow  
Watercolour planets  
Star constellations using thread

### Music - Focus on Young Voices songs and preparation



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### Cooking

We are cooking this term in small groups starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The children will be preparing and cooking a Shepherd's pie to take home. Please may we ask that you provide £2.50 to cover the costs of ingredients.

### Events to look forward to this term:

Y5 fun run at St. Wilfrid's - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Young Voices - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Big Sing Liturgy Thing (St. Theresa's) - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Further details to follow later.

If you wish to discuss any of the outlined topics or have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please feel free to arrange a time to see me. Thank you for your co-operation and I look forward to working with you.

Mrs Lunn