

Year 5 Curriculum Letter September 2019

Dear Year 5 Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break! We hope that you have all enjoyed the lovely weather over the summer. We are pleased to report that your children have quickly settled into life in their Year 5 classes. The Autumn Term is set to be an exciting one, with lots going on for Year 5!

Staff in Year 5

Lime Class: Mrs Clare Farrell, Miss Hannah Gray

Hazel Class: Miss Katy Stewart, Mrs Maddie Bright/Miss Demi Matthaïou, Miss Isobel Hardy and Ms Becky Carter.

In addition to the main class teachers, the children will also be taught each week by a number of colleagues from the upper school. These will include: Mr Mills (Music), Mrs. Pawsey (PE), Mr Pearce (Maths) and Mrs Rickard (Spanish).

Topic

Our topic for the autumn term is 'Heroes and Monsters' linked to The Ancient Greeks. This topic will cover the geography of Greece, the Ancient Greek civilisation and will link to work other curriculum areas such as Greek Myths in English. On Monday 16th September, Portals to the Past will be working with all Year 5 children on an Ancient Greek workshop all day. Please could you encourage your child to come in dressed as an Ancient Greek for this event? Costumes do not need to be complicated! Coming in dressed in costume will really help to get the children into role for the day!

Ufton Court Residential Trip

As you are aware, Year 5 will be going on their residential trip to Ufton Court from 21st – 23rd October. Together with Mr Pearce, we are currently putting together the final information and timetable for the visit. We will shortly be sending home a booklet containing all the information needed such as medical forms, kit list and itinerary for the trip. If you have any queries regarding Ufton Court, please contact Miss Stewart or Mrs Farrell.

Physical Education

Year 5 PE this term will cover gymnastics, dance and invasion games. Both classes have two sessions per week. Lime Class will have PE on Monday and Wednesday, Hazel Class will have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday. Occasionally there may be a change to this, so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school throughout the week.

Reading

We place reading in high importance at the Westgate School. The children participate in a range of daily reading activities including guided reading, shared reading in English, story time and through topic work. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school each day, as we often have a quiet reading time.

Library

Over the summer, a brand new library has been installed in the lower school! Staff are working hard to get all the library books organised so that the children can start using it. Both Year 5 classes will have the opportunity to visit the library on a Tuesday afternoon. We will be encouraging the children to choose up

to two books; one fiction and one non-fiction. Please ensure your child brings their library books to school so that they can change them during library time.

Spelling

Spelling will continue to be a daily feature of the children's learning. Each morning, the children will begin the day by spending time learning spellings and writing spelling sentences. This is an efficient way not only to practise different spelling patterns but also to improve handwriting technique. In addition, there will be a weekly focus on specific aspects of the spelling, punctuation and grammar curriculum and opportunities for the children to apply their learning to writing tasks in English lessons.

Home Learning

In addition to the Home Learning Jigsaw for each topic, the children will be given weekly spellings or times tables to practise at home, which will allow them to consolidate the learning we are focusing on in class.

Key Dates

16/09/19: Portals to the Past Greek Day

21-23/10/19: Ufton Court Residential Trip

14.11.19 Year 5 Sharing Assembly

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Year 5 Team