



## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Year 5 and what will prove to be a busy term. We are looking forward to working with your child and meeting you all. The class teachers for this year are Mrs Pollitt and Mrs Hill, and Mrs Swindell will be working with each class for one day each week. Should you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact us directly.

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Details of our curriculum in year 5 can be found on the school website in the long-term plans found on our class page. Remember, it is always possible to check Showbie on a daily basis to keep up with your child's learning and the feedback they are receiving from their teacher.

### **Reading**

Children will be allocated a school reading scheme book if required and/or they are expected to have their own choice of book in school each day (if they are a free reader).

As part of their weekly homework, children should be reading to an adult at home and having their online diary updated regularly during the week. Books do not have to be finished for the reading record to be signed. Reading records are regularly checked in school to make sure they are being regularly updated. It is still very important to read with your child even if they are now able to read confidently.

### **Homework**

Your child will already be used to using the Mirodo platform for their weekly Maths and English homework in Year 4, and as they move into Year 5, this will be replaced with a very similar platform called SATsCompanion. This will allow teachers to assess and provide bespoke learning opportunities for your child to close any gaps in learning or provide additional challenge for those ready for more challenging concepts and tasks. We expect all pupils to be using the platform each week to work through these individualised tasks for about half an hour on both the Maths and the English.

### **PE**

Our PE days this term will be on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit.

### **Trips**

This year we will be off on two very exciting trips. On the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, we will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. We will be working hard each week during the Autumn Term to prepare for this and look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible at this spectacular event. Later in that half term, in the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be off to Arthog for our residential. This is an excellent opportunity for all pupils to experience the great outdoors with highly trained instructors in a beautiful setting. We are looking forward to this immensely.

We look forward to meeting you all,  
Clair Pollitt and Samantha Hill