

# Year 5 Newsletter



Miss Flitcroft, Mr Tate & Mrs Threlfall-Smith

We would like to welcome you and your children to year 5. We are looking forward to a successful year, full of hard work and smiles! Here are a few reminders about the school day:



- As a reflection of your child's age, they will now come into class independently. The Rhodes Building will open at 8:45 and the children should come in sensibly, put their things away in their locker and then go straight into their classroom where we will meet them. Any latecomers must go to the office for a blue ticket to give to their teacher. This will let us know they have received their attendance mark. It is **essential** that your child arrives on time as we begin teaching promptly at 9am.
- At the end of the day, they will be brought to the exit at **3:20pm**. If you are late picking them up, they will be taken by an adult to the office to be collected. Please let us know if your child is allowed to make their own way home.



- Your child must bring their Cavendish book and book bag **every** day. Please check your child's book bag for any letters, homework and mouldy sandwiches! We do not have the space to store big bags and we appreciate your co-operation with providing your child with a school book bag.



- Your child will need their games kit every **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that long hair is tied back. If your child has pierced ears, earrings will need to be removed for these sessions. Children must wear black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers are required for outdoor games. It is helpful if kit is named. There will be no swimming for year 5 this year.



- As part of our Healthy Schools policy we encourage the children to bring in a fruit snack for playtime. A water bottle is also a good idea, so children can fill it up before school and at breaktimes. This is especially important as the mornings are very long.



- Our expectation is that all children will complete homework, including daily reading (10 minutes) and regular times table practice. Homework will be given out every **Friday** to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. It will be linked to our learning in class that week, so all children will be able to at least attempt it. Spelling homework will be handed out when we feel this will boost a particular spelling rule. To help children with homework, we also run a homework club every Monday lunchtime. Homework needs to be of the same high quality presentation as we see in school books. Maths homework will be set on MyMaths; your child will be given their own password. We expect the homework symbol to be green on completion. If it is red, then they must have another go or go to homework club to get help.



- This year your child will have the opportunity to learn to play the guitar in class once a week with Mr Lee every Monday.
- We have included a breakdown of topics covered across the year, including visits and trips. Children will also have the opportunity to work on an art project with children from The Birches School.
- Occasionally, we are offered opportunities to take the children to special events. If we think that these will enhance their learning they will be added in as additional activities and we will give you as much notice as possible that they are taking place.
- If you need to speak to your child's teacher, then please see us at the end of the day. If it is urgent, then please speak to someone in the office.
- There will be an opportunity to meet with us later on in the term when we have got to know your children better and everyone has settled in. You will be able to discuss any queries you may have about our expectations and routines of the day.

We look forward to meeting you soon  
 Mike Tate and Michelle Threlfall-Smith