

Welcome to Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would all like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5. We hope that they will find the coming academic year enjoyable, exciting and challenging. We are kick starting our year with our topic of 'Join the Team' and 'Healthy Heart Healthy Mind'. In the second half of the term, on the fabulous build up to Christmas, our topic is 'Out of this World'. This is when the children will get the opportunity to explore the Earth Sciences, work on the planets and the solar system. Please see the attached topic web for more information about this half terms topic; we will send the other topic after half term. In addition to this, you will be getting a letter detailing all key dates for the year from the office. However, we do have two trips booked for Autumn: Safewise (this was the cancelled year 4 trip) and Winchester Science Centre in November.

Homework across KS2 will now consist of spelling and times tables' practise, which will be set on a Friday and collected in on a Tuesday. In addition, a topic based project which will be completed across a half term, your child will be given a log in for Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars which are websites designed to support their learning. Please take time to log on with your child and explore these sites. Please encourage your child to use these sites regularly and at times we will set specific activities for them to complete at home.

We want to continue to foster confident readers who have a love of books. Please help us by ensuring that your child is reading regularly at home for at least 20 minutes at a time and recording this in their reading record. **Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record at least once a week to confirm that they have been reading at home.** We have lots of exciting rewards in school for children that are reading at home but they will only qualify for these if you sign their record.

A full school uniform list is available on our school website. However, we would like to remind you that socks should be plain black grey or white and not trainer socks; hair accessories should be simple and in school appropriate colours; jewellery is limited to plain, round stud earrings and a watch; and nail varnish should not be worn. As the weather gets colder, you may want to send you child to school with plain tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt in their PE kit.

Please ensure everything is named including all PE kits, coats, lunch-boxes and jumpers as this will mean it is more likely lost property will find its way back to the classroom.

It is important that your child brings a named water bottle to school and we encourage them to drink throughout the day. They should also bring in a piece of fruit for a snack at playtime.

In Year 5 children often walk home on their own. If your child is not allowed to do this, please let the school office know on the email below. We look forward to meeting you in person at the parent consultations in early October. However, if you wish to contact us before then, please feel free to catch us at the end of the day or telephone the school office to make an appointment. Alternatively, send an email to the following address, which will be forwarded to your class teacher.

junoffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

Kind Regards

The Year 5 Team