



Wednesday 9 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer, and we are delighted to welcome the children back to year 5.

To begin with, we would like to recognise that your child's safety and education is most important to us. Due to the social distancing rules currently in place, we are unable to hold a coffee morning. We hope this letter provides you with as much information as possible.

Children need to arrive in school between 8:40 and 9:10am:

- Surnames A-F 08:40- 08:50
- Surnames G-M 8:50- 09:00
- Surnames N-Z 09:00- 09:10

Please follow the one way system around the school groups. After this time, the top playground's doors will close, and children will have to go through the main building to register with the office as late. For those parents collecting, this will also be the case for the side door by Rockhampton Road Gate (by Year 2) until 3:30 pm, after which the children will need to be collected from the office. We have a record of which children are allowed to travel to and from school independently, without your permission we will not allow any child to travel home independently. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school. Children are NOT allowed to play football before or after school currently.

Homework - There will be a homework menu sent home each term with a range of activities for the children to complete. From this menu, they can choose which **ONE** task to complete each week. There will also be an arithmetic sheet for them to complete each week in order for them to practise the key operations. This should be handed in by **Wednesday**. Homework can be completed in the homework book or submitted on google classroom if completed electronically (more details to follow). Each week, the children will also be given 10 spellings to practise; this term they will be taken from the Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling list. If your child does not understand anything, please do not hesitate to ask. *Please note: Homework that is not brought in by Wednesday will NOT be marked for that week.*

Reading - To be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. Books can be borrowed from school or brought in from home. Reading journals will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher.

Phones - Children must hand in their phones at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Phones are not permitted during the school day. This also applies to other smart devices.

Pencil cases- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school daily. Pencil cases should contain HB pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue and coloured pencils.

Curriculum

Maths - This term will start with focussing on children's understanding of number, place value and revising the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be focusing largely on arithmetic questions to ensure these key skills are embedded.

English - To begin the term, we will be exploring our new class reader 'Cosmic' and the key characters, building descriptions and inferring characters' thoughts, feelings and motives from their actions. We will be adopting a cross-curricular approach and using our topics 'Romans' and 'Space' to inspire our writing, such as diary entries as gladiators and newspaper reports of the moon landing. There will also be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) and recapping key concepts covered in Year 4, such as fronted adverbials, apostrophes and pronouns.

Topic - Our topic is 'Romans in Britain'. We will be using our history skills to investigate: Life in Britain before the Romans, The Roman invasion of Britain, Roman Entertainment, Boudicca's rebellion and the Roman Army. We will also be exploring those things that the Romans brought which affected our subsequent history and even our language, such as buildings, names and religion.

Science - We will be learning about Earth and Space this half term, followed by Forces in Autumn 2, through a range of theory and practical lessons.

RE - We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This term we will be learning about pilgrimages.

PE - The children will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kit on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain.

Computing - The focus for this half-term will be E-safety and creating presentations using software such as Microsoft Powerpoint.

Once again, we will be using **Seesaw** as a key method of communication. We would really appreciate it if you signed up to Seesaw to receive notifications, messages and pictures. Please note you will need to enter a new code for Year 5.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are available most days before and after school or alternatively you can make an appointment through the office if this is not convenient.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wade (5W) and Miss Gould (5G)