



**Monday 9th November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back - We hope you had a lovely half term break!

**Reminder from Mrs Sandle and Mrs Barriball:**

We are aware of the anxieties that many of you have faced in sending your children back to school and we want to reassure you that safety is our priority. Following a meeting with public health and the raising of London's alert level to Tier 2, we have decided to put in further measures to ensure everyone's safety. After half term, **we will be asking adults dropping off and collecting children to wear face coverings whilst on the school premises.** We would appreciate your support with this and this will include when in the school foyer to speak to the office. Staff will also be wearing face coverings when moving around the school, however, children will not be required to wear masks.

**Homework** - This will be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Each child has been given a homework book and menu of activities to complete. Children should choose one task to complete each week. In addition, children will be given some arithmetic questions to practise the four operations, as well as 10 spellings taken from an appropriate spelling list. Please note: Homework that is not brought in by Wednesday will NOT be marked for that week.

**Reading** - This should 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. In Year 5, we expect a minimum of 4 entries per week.

**Phones**- Children must hand in their phones at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Due to the 'bubble structure' across the school, each class now has their own phone box. Phones will be stored in a locked cupboard during the school day as phones are not permitted during the school day. Please note, this also applies to other smart devices (e.g. smart watches).

**Pencil cases**- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school every day. Pencil cases should contain: HB pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue and coloured pencils. Please ensure to replenish items, when they run out as we have very limited supplies in school to offer children.

## Curriculum

**Maths** - This term we will continue to revise the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in our arithmetic sessions. There will be a large emphasis on multiples and factors, looking at the following: prime, square and cube numbers, and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. Later in the term, we will also be looking at properties of shape, perimeter and area.

**English** - Our writing will continue to incorporate our Topic learning about the Romans. We will be looking at a range of text types this term including setting descriptions, adverts, and reports. We will continue to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) and beginning the Year 5 requirements: modal verbs, adverbials of time, brackets, relative clauses. Lessons will also continue to focus on spelling rules linking to the Year  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Year  $\frac{5}{6}$  spelling lists.

**IPC** - Our topic for the Autumn term is Romans. We will be studying the events that led to the Roman Invasion; the Roman army and legionaries, Boudicca's rebellion, Roman buildings and the Roman legacy. We will be exploring this through a cross-curricular approach and use the themes of PE, Music and Drama to explore the Roman topic.

**Science** - Our topic for this term is Forces. We will be learning about gravity and the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. In addition, we will be investigating different mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears.

**RE**- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half-term we will be focusing on the Christian festival of Christmas.

**PE** - The children will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain. Our PE topics this term focus on ball skills and Hockey.

**Computing**- The focus for this half-term will be internet safety; online safety, appropriate online behaviours and keeping passwords safe. We will be using programs like purple mash and scratch to help us in our learning.

### Isolating at home:

If your child needs to isolate at home due to COVID, please note that they can access the Google Classroom, 'Year 5: If you are having to stay at home for 14 days'. This Classroom has resources for the children to work from, if they are well enough. Please let us know if you need further information about this or need help accessing this online workspace.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are available most days before and after school, via Seesaw or alternatively you can make a telephone appointment through the office if this is not convenient. Thank-you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Gould (5G) and Miss Wade (5W)



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