



Welcome to Year Five

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Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very warm welcome back to school; we have missed you all greatly and are excited to start a new year! The Year 5 team will reassure your child if they are upset or worried. We know that returning to school may be an unsettling time for them and we want to support them the best we can. The most important thing is communication, and if you need some help broaching this subject with your child, there are some really useful wellbeing resources on our school website.

Curriculum.

This year, we will be continuing with Literacy Tree for our English curriculum; with our first two books being 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. For our maths curriculum we shall continue to follow White Rose planning, focussing on number and place value to begin the term. For foundation subjects we will be following the objectives for our usual topics.

Google Classroom.

We shall ensure that all children are added onto the corresponding Google Classroom and know how to access and navigate. Please see the You Tube video below for guidance.

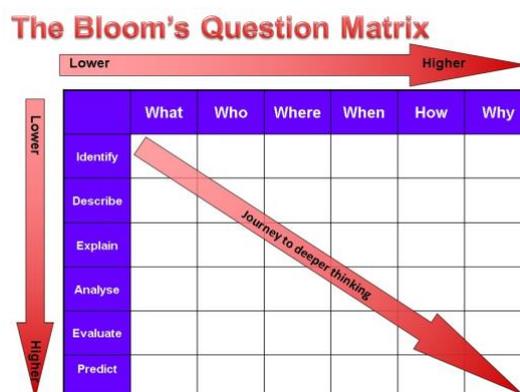
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl-tBjAM9g4>

P.E.

Our allocated PE day is Wednesday – to minimise changing your child will be required to come to school in their kit of this day. The majority of PE will be outside this half-term. Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit including jumpers and joggers for cooler days. P.E. clothing should support our uniform policy, white t-shirts and blue or black shorts / tracksuit bottoms. All jewellery should be removed for P.E. lessons, earrings can be taped by you or your child. We will also have PE on a Friday afternoon, please ensure your child wears suitable trainers to school that day.

Reading.

It is still important to be reading or sharing stories with your children. Role modelling good reading habits yourselves will also show your children that reading can provide lots of pleasure. When reading with your child it is important to ask a range of questions to check their understanding of the story. Below is a handy grid to help you get the most out of reading with your child:



Although your children are increasingly independent readers we would still love you to read with them at least once a week to check their understanding.

Writing.

We would like to encourage all the children to enjoy writing. Any opportunities to write creatively at home would help support their learning at school. It would be fantastic if children brought in any independent writing they have done to share with the class.

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/writing-fiction/creative-writing-ideas> this website provides some good prompts for writing and <http://www.literacyshed.com> has great short videos to

inspire the children's writing. The 'SpellBetter' app provides predictive text which could speed up the writing process and help children with their spellings.

Equipment.

We will be supplying the children with their own set of equipment for use in the classroom so there will not need to bring their own pencil cases. Please send a water bottle each day to ensure that your child has plenty to drink. Lunches and bags will be kept in lockers throughout the day but all belongings will be taken home each day for cleaning to take place.

The children will be expected to select a reading book from the school library, which must stay in school throughout the week, but can be taken home over the weekend. Children can bring an additional reading book from home should they wish to

Snacks.

We encourage the children to have healthy snacks at playtime for example: fruit, vegetables, cereal bars. This does not include chocolate bars or crisps.

Toys.

As your child is an upper junior we do not expect them to bring any toys into school. We shall be supplying a box of appropriate play equipment that will be sanitised between uses.

Art.

Art is a messy subject! We have old shirts / t-shirts which we use as aprons during this subject, however would welcome any donations which would top up our stores.

Arriving and Leaving School.

Please ensure that children are not at school before 8:30am as there are no staff on duty to supervise them. When children arrive at school they should come straight into the classroom and get on with the provided work, quietly and independently as there may not be a member of staff in the room until 8:45am. At the end of the day, please make sure your child knows where they are being met, and by whom.

Expectations and Rewards.

In moving to the upper juniors we have high expectations in terms of work load and behaviour. We will be following the whole school traffic light system for behaviour management. However, each class teacher may have their own reward system which will be specific to their class.

Homework.

There will be an expectation that all children complete at least half an hour of Maths Whizz every week. We will celebrate those children making the best progress in class and during celebration assemblies. Children that don't complete their weekly Maths Whizz will not receive their merit sticker.

Homework will not be sent home in books as usual. However, homework will be set on Google Classroom each Friday with the expectation for it to be completed by the following Wednesday. All feedback shall also be provided via this platform. Should your child not have access to a computer, please let us know via the office and we will arrange for a paper copy. Each week the homework subject will alternate. We will sometimes ask the children to practise a skill they have learnt that week, or alternatively children may be asked to research an upcoming topic. Where necessary examples will be posted on the school website and shared in the children's books.

Welcome meeting.

As we are unable to invite you in to school to attend the usual welcome meeting. We will upload a presentation to our year group web page on the school website.

A Final Note.

We consider ourselves to be a friendly and approachable bunch, if you have any concerns or questions you want to ask your child's teacher please contact the office via email or phone, they will pass on your message and we will be in contact as soon as convenient.
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We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!