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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
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# Welcome to Year Five

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**Welcome to year 5!**

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 using the 'Literacy Tree' for our English curriculum; with our first two books being 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. In Year 5, our English focus is 'Year of the detail', in our work we will be using powerful vocabulary and creating exciting imagery through figurative language.
For our maths curriculum we shall continue to use a Teaching for mastery approach, focussing on number and place value to begin the term. Our yearly overview can be found on the school website. There will also be a focus on regular practice of Times tables and use of Maths Whizz.
For foundation subjects we will be following the objectives of the National Curriculum through our own school CAREs curriculum.
If you would like to look in more detail our curriculum map is on the website.

**Google Classroom.**

We may use the Google Classroom for homework or other activities throughout the year. 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 Tuesday afternoon, please ensure your child wears suitable trainers to school that day.

**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. Ideas to support your child with this can be found on our school website.

**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.

The children should have a refillable bottle in school which contains **water** to ensure that they have 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.

**Snacks and drinks.**

We encourage the children to have healthy snacks at playtime for example: fruit, vegetables, cereal bars. This does not include chocolate bars or crisps. We encourage children to drink as much as possible throughout the day, please remember that drinks bottles should only contain water, no fruit juices. Please remember that any citrus snacks or those including nuts should not be brought to school due to allergies.

**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. Your child will enter and leave through outside doors on the front playground.

**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.

**Homework.**

There is a change in Homework expectations this year. The children will have three tasks to complete each week and these will all need to be recorded in their new Reading Record and Spelling Log. Their tasks are:

- complete at least half an hour of Maths Whizz every week
- read at least three times per week and make a comment about the passage that they have read
- learn a set of spellings, which they will have worked on in class, to be tested the following week

We will celebrate those children making the best progress in class and during Celebration assemblies. Children that do not complete these weekly tasks and return their filled in and signed Reading Record and Spelling Log each Friday will not receive their weekly merit.

For the reading task the children may use a book from home or they will be able to borrow two books from our school library, one will be matched to the level of reading comprehension and fluency and the 2nd will be a personal choice of the children and could be any level or genre.

**Films and video clips.**

Department of Education regulations mean that primary school students are only able to watch U rated movies at school without parent permission. From time to time, our classes will be watching and studying various films in order to support an enriching curriculum. Some of these films will be PG rated. There may also be situations where students will watch PG movies on special occasions such as end of term/year break-up celebrations. These movies will be viewed under the guidance of our teaching staff.

The British Board of Film Classification explain PG rated films as:
**General viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young children. A PG film should not unsettle a child aged around eight or older. Unaccompanied children of any age may watch, but parents are advised to consider whether the content may upset younger, or more sensitive, children.**
For more information please visit https://www.bbfc.co.uk/rating/PG

In order for your child to be able to watch a PG rated film, permission must be given by a parent/guardian and held on file for the school year. Permission is assumed for ***UNLESS*** you tell us otherwise by informing the school office that you do not wish your child to watch films of a PG rating.

**Key Dates for Autumn Term 1**
Further information about these events will be provided via Parentmail, however the following dates are either trips or off-curriculum days.

School Photos – 24th September 2025
Year 5/6 Hilltop Trip – Friday 26th to Sunday 28th September
WB 13th October – Parent's Consultation week

**A Final Note.**
We consider ourselves to be friendly and approachable, 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.
office@sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

The Year 5 Team.