

Welcome back! We are very excited for Kirkbride to be back, fully open!



School times –For Year 5 and 6 school starts at 8:30 and finishes at 3:10. Children will enter and exit by Oak Class door at the front of school. If parents are late in picking children up, then your child will need to be picked up at the office.

Morning routine - Year 5 and 6 come into the classroom and do their morning challenge. Once settled, every morning, the children start our new spelling programme 'Spell to excel' until 9am. All children partake in this teaching activity so it is important that your child arrives on time in order to fully engage in these spelling strategies.

Clothing -If it is raining, children will need a waterproof coat and if it is sunny please send your child to school with a sun hat and sun cream. Year 5 and 6 will need PE kits on a Friday for P.E and will need old trainers/ football boots as this will take place on the back pitch and it does get quite muddy. As the weather grows colder, your child may wish to wear a pair of black or grey tracksuit bottoms to keep warm outside. On a Wednesday your child will need their swimming kit.

Homework-

We expect children to read their reading book each night for at least 10 minutes and for an adult to sign their reading record to show that they have done this and are ready for a new book. We also give out times table maths facts and spellings that children need to practice each week at home. These will be tested weekly on a Friday. We will also give out 'House point homework' opportunities most week-short burst activities that children can choose to do. This will relate to an area of learning that we have been practicing in class that day or week.

Targets- We are currently identifying targets for reading, writing and maths for each child to be shared with them.

Our topic is '**America and the Rainforest**' so our books, activities and areas will relate to this, please see our topic web on the back for all the exciting learning we will be doing across the half term

If your child has some work to research, please help them - but without actually doing the work and if you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it - but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

Please remember that your child can bring in a **water bottle**, children who do bring them in use them regularly, and we think it's a great idea!
Art- We have lots of messy art learning planned for this half term. To spare your child's lovely new uniform, we request could they please bring in and leave an oversized, old t-shirt or shirt to wear over their clothes during these sessions?

Special dates for our class

Thursday 23rd September - class trip to Stockwood outdoor learning centre.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate
To call and make an appointment to see me. Mrs Coopey x