

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! The children have made a fantastic start to Year 5 and Mrs. Beatham, Mrs. Thompson and I have been really impressed with their desire to learn and always try their best.

### **Homework**

Your child will receive a named clear plastic wallet with their homework sheets in. This will be sent home on a **Thursday** and is due to be returned the following **Tuesday**. The homework will usually consist of a Maths arithmetic sheet and a page of Grammar work. On Tuesdays, we will be going through the answers together in class. If your child really struggles with a question, please leave it blank and put a star next to it. This will help us make sure we can give them the appropriate support in school.

### **Reading**

Your child has been given a reading book which will stay in their school tray and be read daily in school. I would also recommend that children complete at least 15 minutes a day on Reading Plus at home and I am able to monitor the children's progress on this. Please let me know if your child doesn't know their log in details.

Of course, children are also encouraged to read any books they have at home and I look forward to hearing about what they are enjoying. If you are unable to access Reading Plus or would like a 'real book' from school to read at home, please email me and I can arrange one to be sent home with your child. This will not need to come back daily, please just return when they have finished reading it.

### **Spellings:**

Starting next week, your child will bring home a selection of words on a piece of paper which they will have chosen and written themselves. Encouraging them to use the words in sentences can be beneficial to learning the spelling and understanding the meaning. The list of words will come home in the wallet on a Thursday and these words can stay at home (no need to return with the other homework.)

### **Times Tables**

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home. They can do this independently using the apps **Hit the Button** and **TTRockstars**. Children also have a login for **Sumdog** which will help them with other mental maths skills. I will be testing children regularly on their times tables so any practise at home is important!

### **PE**

The children will have PE lessons on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. We will be doing PE outside where we can, so you may wish to include tracksuit bottoms or leggings for those colder days.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I understand it can be difficult to fit everything in at home, but the points above are really beneficial to your child's learning and can make a big difference. All we ask is you do what you can.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact the school office or email me at [jane.fiddler@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jane.fiddler@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.