

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! The children have made a wonderful start to the year and have really impressed myself, Mrs Wellings and Miss Greenwood with the pride and resilience they have already shown.

Homework

This year, homework will be set every **Thursday** to be completed before the following **Tuesday**. The homework will consist of a Maths arithmetic sheet and a page of grammar work. The completed work will be marked by myself on Tuesday and will be used to guide further teaching. 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. We also encourage your child to regularly access TTRockstars and Sumdog to continue practising mental maths skills.

Reading

We are now able to send home reading books along with Reading Records. We advise that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week for at least 20 minutes. While your child may be a confident and independent reader, sharing a book with someone at home can be a meaningful and valuable experience for children of all ages. Discussions about books and questions about what they have read can strengthen your child's understanding and reading skills. Books and Reading Records should come into school every day as records will be checked regularly by adults in class. Your child also has access to Reading Plus which is an online reading platform similar to BugClub. The children will be accessing this in school, but we encourage them to regularly access at home as well. The login information is in your child's Reading Record, but I can provide support and help if needed.

Spellings

Starting next week, your child's spellings will be uploaded to their portfolio on Class Dojo. These will include words from our spelling program including statutory words for their year group. Encouraging them to use the words in sentences can be beneficial to learning the spelling and understanding the meaning. An activity will be set to help your child practice their spellings and this will be checked on Dojo.

PE

The children will have PE lessons on **Thursday** afternoon. Please make sure your child always has a named PE kit in school. We await to hear when we can start swimming again and will update you as and when we know more.

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 and I will get back to you as soon as I can.