



Class Newsletter: Year 5 Flamingo Class

Date: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a warm 'welcome back' to you all and we hope you and the children had an enjoyable summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the Year 5 children back. We are excited about getting to know our new class and we have lots of plans and activities to make sure we have a very enjoyable year together!

Alongside this letter, you should receive a Topic Web which will detail all curriculum information, including what will be taught in each subject over the next term. Our first focus will be on the poem 'The Sound Collector'. The children will have the chance to create their own piece of art work and write their poems inspired by 'The Sound Collector'. Our main class text for the term will be 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. We will be kickstarting the year with a history topic all about what life was like during the Elizabethan times. Our values for this term are 'respect' and 'courage'. You can find out more about our topic through our Knowledge Organiser which should also have been sent to you.

Once the children are settled in, homework will be set each Monday to be handed in and marked the following Monday. It will be based on prior learning and used as a way of consolidating what the children have already been taught. Each child will have a CGP Maths, Grammar and Reading homework book and pages will be set each week. Alongside this, the children will also have weekly spellings and should practice their times tables. It is also our expectation that the children read regularly at home; this should be recorded in the child's Reading Record, which should be present in school each day. We are often asked about ideas for books at home so after this letter, we have listed a range of age-appropriate, popular books for Year 5/6 children.

It is important that our children wear the correct uniform and look smart at school. Please see our school uniform below. Our school uniform is as follows:

- Blue jumper
- White or blue polo shirt (with all buttons fastened)
- Black or grey shorts
- Black or grey skirt
- Blue summer dress
- Children are able to wear all black footwear.

PE will be taught on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons so children will need to make sure that they wear their PE kits into school on this day each week. Children should wear PE uniform only. Our school PE kit is:

- Black / blue tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts;
- White PE t-shirt
- Blue or black tracksuit top or school jumper.
- Trainers

Children will also need to bring in a refillable water bottle each day.

Finally, one last reminder that the children should arrive for school between the window of 8:30 and 8:35. The school day finishes at 3:25 (1:30 on Fridays).

All that's left to say is that we are so looking forward to welcoming the children back and we are very excited about the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office or our email address below if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to have a chat or a meeting with you. If you want to keep up to date with our learning, follow our class page on Twitter [@FlamingosRCPS](#) where we regularly post updates of what we have been up to.

Best wishes and looking forward to a great year ahead,

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