Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the start of your child’s journey in Upper Key Stage 2 where we work on becoming more independent and responsible in preparation for high school.

**Curriculum**

All information regarding the subjects taught in Year 5 can be found on the Year 5 class page. Children will continue to build on prior knowledge as they move through Year 5 across all subjects.

**Walking Home**

Parents like to allow their children some independence leaving the Year 5 classroom by themselves and walking to a designated meeting point eg. car park, main school gates.

If you would like your child to leave school alone to meet you, then please ask for a walking home form, which must be signed and returned to the class teacher BEFORE your child will be allowed to leave by themselves.

**Swimming – Tuesday**

All children will be required to take part in lessons as this is a **statutory** lesson. Children are expected to be able to swim 25m and demonstrate life-saving skills before the end of the primary phase. They will need:

* One-piece swimming costume
* School swim trunks (not beach shorts)
* Towel
* Swimming hat (also required for boys with long hair)

The children will be walking to and from Moor Park so please ensure that they have a waterproof jacket just in case of inclement weather.

**PE/Games - Thursday**

All children are to arrive at school in their PE kit which consists of the following:

* White t-shirt
* Black joggers (no logos)
* Trainers
* Purple sweatshirt or school jumper

During swimming and games/PE lessons, all jewellery/watches are to be removed as part of our Health and Safety policy. If you plan to have your child’s ears pierced, please try to do this during the summer holidays to avoid missing lessons. If for any reason your child cannot take part in any of the lessons, please write a note in the diary.

Children are allowed to wear goggles but **only** with signed permission from the parent/carer. Letters will be sent out before the start of swimming lessons.

**Forest School**

Forest School will take place later in the year.

**Homework**

On Monday mornings, children will write their homework for the week in their diaries with a due date. This will include:

* work linked to their class learning – English, Maths, science **or** Learning journal research activity
* weekly spellings (these will be on the Year 5 Google Classroom)
* reading book (15mins every night)
* Times Tables Rockstars

**Medical Needs**

It is really important that you keep us up to date with all your child’s medical needs. Please make sure inhalers are brought into school at the start of the school term. If for any reason your child has to take any prescribed medication during school hours, please complete the medical form at the office.

**Water Bottles**

Children are asked to bring a water bottle every day – no juice. Please make sure it is a sports cap style bottle and not a screw top.

**Clothing**

Please ensure all clothing is labelled as it is very difficult for children and adults to distinguish between the clothing, especially when they are new.

**Concerns/Worries**

If you are concerned about any issues at home or in school, please let us know as soon as possible so we can work together to solve any problems. You can see me at the start of the day or phone school to make an appointment for me to call you or if it is urgent you can speak to Mrs Duke.

**Collection**

At the end of the school day, you may have arranged for another relative/friend to collect your child. Please write a note in the diary to let us know. If you or other adult need to collect because of an emergency, then please call the office (01253 353641) as soon as possible so we know who your child is going home with.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Karen Pearson Mrs Lisa Freitas Mrs Jackie Dale

 Class Teacher Teaching Assistant Teaching Assistant/1:1 support

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