



## Year 5 Parent / Carer Fact Sheet

Welcome to Year 5!

The class teachers in Year 5 are Mr Hurd and Miss Sarjeant and our support teachers are Mrs McGahan, Mrs Thompson and Miss Sonnex.

### **The homework expectations are as follows:**

- **Monday – English (45-50 mins) due Wednesday** – Spelling Shed x 3 and one SPaG mat
- **Wednesday – Maths (45-50 mins) due Friday** – TTRS x 3 and Mathletics Quest x 2 linked with learning that week
- **Project based homework** will be given 4 times over a term (2 per half term). This will be fully explained, with extra advice given through Google Classroom and extra sheets of information uploaded where needed or required. Extra details may include rough drafts or plans of activities to do over the course of 3 – 4 weeks. We expect the children to spend 45 minutes per week on their topic homework. For a 4 week project, three hours of work should be evident as appropriate to the level and ability of the child. The children will also have ample time to ask any questions over the course of a piece of homework. It is essential for the children to begin to plan their homework effectively in order to be Year 6 ready and for moving in to their secondary education.

**If homework is not completed on time** children will be asked to go to the catch up zone until work is handed in.

### **Reading at home:**

Reading is expected to be carried out outside of school, a minimum of three times per week. The children will be expected to record their reading in their homework diaries and signed by an adult.

### **Day trips and visitors to school:**

We have a day trip to Ewell with a focus on the Hogsmill River (more details at the start of Autumn Term).

### **Residential trip:**

The **residential trip** is PGL, Little Canada, Isle of Wight which is 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Information about requirements will be sent out closer to the time.

### **Books we study in Year 5:**

The books we study in detail are: **The Wolf Wilder** by Katherine Rundell, **How to save the world with a chicken and an egg** by Emma Shevah, and **Can You See Me?** by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott. Please avoid reading these at home prior to the teaching unit. We will be using our year group padlet to share, recommend and review all the books we are all reading at home. The link is:

<https://padlet.com/ksarjeant1/7lmucijgtup9bef>

## **Topics covered in Year 5:**

**History topics:** Ancient Maya / Shang Dynasty (Ancient China)

**Geography topics:** Rivers / Settlements

**Science topics:** Plants / Materials / Ourselves / Light and sound / Electricity / Science Fair

**Art Topics:** Leaves / Van Gogh / Maya discovery landscapes / Shang Dynasty Jade Masks

**Design & Technology Topics & Projects:** Shelters / Biscuits / Alarm systems

**PSHE topics:** Laws / Financial responsibility / Healthy eating / Drugs and alcohol / Safety / Birth and death / Identity / Stereotypes / Friendship changes

**SRE (Sex & Relationship Education):** Puberty / Changes / Hygiene

**Computing** includes (key areas only): Cryptography / Game programming / Digital art / Audio and Video editing

**PE & Games** includes: Gymnastics / Rock & roll dancing / Football / Rugby / Hockey / Netball / Rounders / Yoga / Tennis / Athletics / Cricket / Swimming for 8 weeks

**Faith and Philosophy** includes the introduction to our new way of studying religious education, with a particular focus on Christianity and Islam

## **Extra activities:**

- All children have a log in for Spelling Shed, TTRS and Mathletics – there are a huge array of activities to do that will support your children’s growing fluency and understanding in spelling and times tables
- Support reading (this can include continuing reading to and with your child, as well as independent reading and summarising afterwards) / homework when / if needed
- Encourage personal organisation / responsibility where needed

## **Staff emails:**

**Please note:** We will endeavour to respond to our professional emails within 48 hours of receipt, during the working week. These are for quick messages or information that cannot go through the office, direct queries or positive feedback. Please note that we will not check emails sent over the weekend or school holidays until we return to work. In addition, we are unable to check and respond to emails whilst we are teaching (or preparing lessons) between the hours of 8.45 - 4.00, therefore please contact the office for any pick up changes or if there is an urgent message contact the office so that the message can be relayed to us during these hours.

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## **Thank you!**

Mr Hurd and Miss Sarjeant