

September 2021

Welcome to Year 5!

We are really pleased to welcome you to year 5! The following information is to help you be aware of, and support, some of the systems in the Year 5 classroom. Mrs Turner will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Perrons will teach every Thursday and Friday. We are a close team and we are looking forward to getting to know your children this year.

Reading

Expectations from reading homework - The children are expected to do at least 15 minutes reading every day. Your child's ability will dictate whether it is essential, or preferable that you read with them. Certainly, all children benefit from discussion of the text, at whatever level, and an interest shown by parents is very encouraging for your child.

Spelling

Spellings are taught in patterns to help children become familiar with the pattern this will help them decode unfamiliar words with the same rule and also help them attempt to spell words with the same sound. Children will learn these spellings in school and will also bring them home as part of PAL, they will then be tested the following **Wednesday** in the form of a list and sometimes a dictation.

Maths

Children will have maths lessons every day. At times your child may bring home some reinforcement work if they need to consolidate learning covered in class. It would be very useful if you could sit with your child in this case and talk to them about their learning.

Expectations for P.A.L

Homework will be in the form of reading (daily) and spelling (Wednesday test). There will also be a HALF TERMLY Topic based project which will be sent out with a covering letter. This half term it will be based on our river topic. Further details to follow.

Physical Education

P.E. will be on Thursday. We are happy for pupils to come to school in an outfit which is fit for physical activity to save changing time. When P.E. is

indoors the children will need T-shirt and shorts, if lessons are outdoors and it is muddy the children will need a **change of footwear** in addition to a change of clothes. If we are having outdoor lessons at a cold time of year, the children should bring a tracksuit or warm clothing. Children with **long hair should have this tied back** and **jewellery should be removed**.

Outdoor learning

This is on a Friday on **alternate weeks**. Please come with appropriate clothing for the varied Holmfirth climate!

Trips

We are lucky to be able to get out on a school trip visiting Digley and the surrounding area this week. We will be studying the River Holme system, as well as learning about the history of Digley reservoir. This will feed into a topic later in the year on the Holmfirth flood. This trip is being led by Rosie Taylor, an expert in outdoor learning. In the past, we have carried out this trip as part of our visit to Cliffe House but we are very grateful for the opportunity to do this from school. We look forward to being able to take the children on more trips throughout the year!

This half term we will have a visit from Yorkshire Water, our Bikeability training and virtual author visits to name a few. More details to follow in due course.

Your children have made an excellent start in Year 5, if you have any concerns or queries our door is always open and your opinions are always welcomed.

**Mrs Turner and Mrs Perrons
Year 5 Class Teachers**