Welcome to Year 5

Year 5 Team
Mrs Elliott – Class teacher
Mrs Green – Teaching assistant
Mrs Dunkley – Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Semaine – covering PE on Monday afternoon.
Ms Hill – covering Computing on Monday afternoon.

Please find a copy of the week’s timetable included. It outlines core and foundation subject coverage.
Please note PE times at present are on Monday and Friday afternoons.
When swimming starts PE will be on Monday only as swimming will be our other PE session.
Daily Carousel on the timetable involves the children rotating around a series of activities including guided reading, maths comprehension, reading comprehension, spelling, practising Lemon curd and Strawberry Jam and individual reading.

Themed Work this Year
Autumn: September – December
Britain since WW2
Space
Spring: January – March
Meet the Greeks
Australia
Summer: April – July
Rainforests
Thrills and Spills

Reading
One of the best ways to help your child is for you to read aloud to him or her, even when your child is a good reader. Children can concentrate on understanding the text, learning the meaning of new words and develop a love of books. If you sometimes struggle to get your child to read at home, then swap the roles or let them read something of their choice to you, it does not always have to be their reading book.
Learning to read is not a competition; it is a very long and slow process and you should try and make it as enjoyable as possible so that you and your child do not feel frustrated. As children become more fluent readers, it is important that they still get plenty of opportunities to read aloud and to learn the meaning of new words every day. In order to gain high levels in reading, children need to have a wide vocabulary. At Fairfield, children are heard to read in small guided groups (weekly) during Carousel. Children will also be heard to read, at times, on a one to one basis by additional support adults with their individual home reading book. Children will also be asked to follow up the reading of their individual book with a reading task. Please support your child in completing these when set. We recognise that children read at different speeds and because of this we have a system in place whereby the children can change their individual reading books as often as they like by placing their reading book and diary in the tray. When children do this, Mrs Green will endeavour to change their reading book on that day.

**Homework**

All primary schools are expected to set homework for pupils. We believe that these should be manageable tasks that reinforce and extend the learning in school, or which allow parents and children to work together in an enjoyable and positive way. Pupils are expected to complete homework on time. If there are particular difficulties, parents should let the Year 5 team know. Homework will be given out on a Friday and homework books should be returned the following Wednesday. If homework is not submitted by Wednesday then the children will be expected to complete the homework task set at break time.

**Spellings**

Spelling is an important part of the English curriculum and children will be assessed on this at the end of Year 6, it is therefore very important that they learn the spellings set every week. They will be set with homework on a Friday and the children will be tested on a Monday.

**Times Tables**

The new curriculum now requires that children know their times tables by the end of their time at primary school. In Year 5 we strongly believe that knowing times table's facts helps children to gain a quicker understanding of other mathematical concepts that they will be taught. Like spellings the children will be given times tables to learn on a Friday with their homework and tested on a Tuesday, on a fortnightly basis.
**E-Safety**
Many families now have computers at home and allow children to access the Internet to help with learning activities. Whilst the internet is a fantastic resource and can benefit the children greatly, please ensure that they are properly supervised or that the computer is adequately protected with filters to prevent children from accessing inappropriate material.
At school we take this very seriously. Children will be taught about staying safe on-line. For further advice and guidance on this, please refer to CEOP [www.ceop.police.uk/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

**Equipment**
Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform and that all items are named clearly - especially jumpers (see school uniform policy available on the school website: [www.fairfieldcupschool.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldcupschool.co.uk)). We have a lost property box, if your child loses any item please check in that box first of all.

**PE**
Please follow school uniform policy and ensure that all kit is named. It would be helpful if you could provide socks for girls who wear tights for school.
PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag on cloakroom pegs. Please do not have large rucksacks etc for PE as they do not fit onto the pegs.
In Year 5 PE is on Monday and Friday afternoons at present, please ensure your child’s PE kit is in school on these days. PE kit should be taken home on a Friday and washed and returned on a Monday.
For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn for PE. It would be helpful if pupils did not wear earrings on the above PE days unless they are capable of removing their earring prior to the start of the lesson.

**Swimming**
Children will begin swimming on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and will swim for a period of 12 weeks, finishing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Important advanced dates for your diary**
- Parents Evenings - October 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Half term week - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Christmas decoration morning - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Year 5 and 6 Christmas party - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Last day of Autumn term - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- First day of Spring term - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We hope that this has been helpful.

Mrs Elliott and the Year 5 team.