Welcome to Year 5

Year 5 Team
Mrs Elliott - Class teacher
Mrs Green - Teaching assistant
Miss Loughlin - 1:1 Support assistant (3 days)
Miss Harvey - 1:1 Support assistant (4 days)
Mrs Holyoak - 1:1 Support assistant (3 days)

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.

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

Home/School Agreement, Data information and Parental Consent form
There will be a home school agreement data information sheet and parental consent form that we would like all parents/carers to complete and return back to school at your earliest convenience. Please remember to notify the office of any changes to your personal contact details as and when they arise.

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). 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, we will endeavour to change their reading book on that day.

This year, we are continuing with our Reading Olympics initiative, which was introduced last year. Children will have a reading journal which needs to be signed and dated each time your child reads to you at home. We expect children to read at home with an adult three times a week. This is linked to in-school rewards and displays. Please make sure you keep reading regularly and signing the book.

**Maths**

Like reading, children progress at different rates in maths as well, however their progress can be supported by you at home by helping them with their homework and learning their times tables. 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.

Our new calculation policy will be given out again at parent's evenings to help you to see how your child is being taught the different strategies in maths. This should allow you to help them with their homework.

You should also receive a set of targets at the beginning of every half term to show what your child will be learning during that period, like the calculation policy, this should help you to help your child.

**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 the following Friday.

The weekly spellings will be printed on a practise sheet and stuck into a spelling book which will be sent home with homework on a Friday. The children can learn and practise the spellings on the sheet, returning their book on Wednesday with their homework, they will have a spelling test on Friday.
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.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldcpschool.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 20th March and will swim for a period of 12 weeks, finishing on Wednesday 26th June.

**Important advanced dates for your diary**
- Parents Evenings - October 9th and 11th.
- Half term week - Monday 15th October - Friday 19th October
- Flu immunisations YR-6 Thursday 25th October.
- Christmas decoration morning - Friday 7th December
- Christmas Fayre - Friday 7th December
- Year 5 and 6 Christmas party - Tuesday 18th December
- Last day of Autumn term - Friday 21st December.
- First day of Spring term - Tuesday 8th January.

We hope that this has been helpful.

Mrs Elliott and the Year 5 team.