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Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have just started another school year, we would like to give you some important information about Year 5.

Mrs Ruffle and Mrs Huntley teach 5RH, while Miss Cleall teaches 5JC. We are also fortunate to have Teaching Assistants in Year 5 to support our children's learning. Mrs Perkins works in 5RH and Mrs Crispim and Mrs Deans work in 5JC.

We believe that home learning reinforces the learning from the classroom, helping pupils develop lively and enquiring minds. Home learning also encourages parents to share in their children's education. The main home learning task (approximately 30 minutes) is set on the Friday of each week and is to be handed in no later than the following Wednesday, but of course can be handed in earlier! This year, the children need to continue to complete their home learning in their home learning book instead of Microsoft Teams. We will continue to explain the home learning task on Teams.

We continue to encourage children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books at home. Sharing a book with your child is tremendously encouraging for them and immensely helpful to us. The recommendation is to read at least three times a week for at least 10 minutes with your child. In addition to your child reading aloud, it would be useful if you could ask them a few questions about the story. We would also appreciate it if you could sign your child's Reading Record on at least three separate occasions and let us know of any problems that occur during its completion. The Reading Record needs to be returned to school no later than the Wednesday.

If your child hasn't brought their home learning or reading record by Wednesday, they will be given a reminder to return it the next day. If it is not brought in by Thursday, they will miss a breaktime.

Spellings will be tested every week on a Wednesday and new spellings will be set on a Friday. Times tables will be tested every Tuesday.

Finally, may we give the usual reminder that children will need to come to school wearing their full, labelled PE kits, including trainers, on their PE days. For 5RH and 5JC, Indoor PE is on Monday and Outdoor PE is on Tuesday. When the weather changes please could you add navy jogging bottoms

and sweater to their kit. Jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of a watch and one pair of stud earrings, which must be removed or taped up at home for PE, for health and safety reasons.

There is an electronic reply slip that you will need to complete to acknowledge that you have read this letter. You will find this form by clicking on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/3J1S1vSVJA>

This will need to be completed by **Wednesday 10th September**. Thank you.

We very much look forward to working alongside you to make this a happy and productive year for your child. Please do not hesitate to inform us of any concerns you may have throughout the year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ruffle

Year 5 Class Teachers



Mrs Huntley



Miss Cleall