

Welcome to Year 5!

Autumn 2:

The first term flew by, and it has been a positive start to the school year. They have settled into their new classes well and it has been lovely to see the whole year group's cooperation skills develop, with new friendships forming in their classes.

Our lessons focused on the history of the Benin Kingdom built on their knowledge from the first half term, resulting in a deeper understanding of the British Empire.

This newsletter is to help bring you up to speed with some of the things going on at school at the start of 2024. Please do also keep an eye on ClassDojo as this is our primary means of communication.

Space!

Our topic this half term will focus on Space. We will learn lots about the solar system, the planets and how day and night occur. We will also explore the phases of the moon and why these change throughout the lunar cycle. Wherever possible, we will try and make our learning visual and explorative. This can help children to develop a strong understanding of some hard to fathom concepts.

PE Days

5BRB – Thursday.

5C – Tuesday and Wednesday.

5G – Tuesday and Thursday.

5U – Monday and Thursday.

Children are expected to wear:

- A plain white/blue/black top (polo or t-shirt)
- Black shorts or leggings or jogging bottoms
- Trainers that provide your child with good stability.

Children should come to school on P.E. days dressed in their kit. On colder days, children need to wear a jumper and bring their coat too. This can be a school jumper or a plain blue, black or grey top.

Water bottles and snacks

Please ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school. Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for morning break (no nuts or kiwi).

Learning at Home

We ask that you spend 10-20 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wide-ranging in helping their vocabulary and knowledge of the world. If you need books at home, please speak to us and we can support you with finding books.

It is really important for pupils to continue practicing their times tables at home to build on their learning from last year. This will help them with new learning this year to link their understanding. This could be written, verbally or through playing TTTRS.

Curriculum Map

A curriculum map will be sent out via email and Class Dojo and is also available on the school website. The curriculum map provides you with a brief overview of our learning for this half term. If you can support any of our topics in anyway at all, please chat to your child's teacher.

