

Year 5 Newsletter

May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many of you at this term's parents' evening and also at the Year 5 Explorer Day at the end of last term.

This newsletter is to provide you with information for your child's last term in Year 5.

We really appreciate all support that families give to our children and we hope to see you at this term's events.

Thank you.

Neil Rodgers

Executive Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 6th June – Year 5 trip to Woodhorn Museum – details to follow.

Year 5 Reminders

We have noticed that some of our Year 5s are not always being as fully prepared as they should be for school, so we would be grateful if you can ensure that they continue to remember the following:

- Full uniform is to be worn – including **ties**, jumpers and blazers (Children are allowed to remove their jumpers if it gets hot.)
- **Black shoes** are the uniform expectations, NOT trainers
- Children need to have a **blue handwriting pen and a pencil** for lessons please – we do lend these out if children have forgotten them on rare occasions, but this is starting to happen frequently.
- In the summer term, it is advisable that children bring water bottles and caps to cope with the warmer, sunnier weather, as well as coming to school with sunscreen applied.

Supporting your Child's Learning

Below are two key areas we are focusing on in class this term, which will help your child prepare for the new challenges of Year 6. Any encouragement and support you can give your child in these areas especially will be greatly appreciated and will really help them.

Reading Plus

Reading Plus is an excellent reading support programme for all children as it allows them to make progress at their own individual level. We use this programme every week in school, but it has the best impact when it is used at home as well. Because the programme can be used on tablets as well as laptops or desktop computers it makes it more accessible for home use.

Your child may already be using the programme at home, which is brilliant, but we are having an extra focus on using it this half term, and will be rewarding one child from each Year 5 class with a prize for using Reading Plus the most at home from today until Friday 31st May.

Times Tables

From 2020 a new tables check is being introduced for all Year 4 children and the expectation is that they will know all their tables facts up to, and including, 12 x 12. We are therefore focusing on ensuring our Year 5s have this knowledge to enable them to be confident in using and applying the knowledge in a range of mathematical problems.

Our Year 5s are at different stages but should be learning them in this order:

- x2, x5, x10
- x3, x4, x8
- x6, x7, x9, x11, x12

'Little and often' is the best approach to learning and revising tables facts.