



Friday 12th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5 – the children have started off the year looking very smart in their school uniforms and look ready and raring to go. The children have settled in well to Year 5 and we have been impressed with their transition into upper school.

This term, we are going to be focusing on place value, the four operations (+ - x ÷) and begin work on fractions in Maths. During our English lessons we are going to be exploring the Mayans topic and how they lived.. Additionally, we will begin exploring our new topics of The Mayans in History and Earth and Space in Science. After half term, we will move on to looking at forces and the effects they have on us in Science and in Geography we are looking at what it is like to live in the Alps. We also have exciting learning opportunities planned for the children in French, Music, Art/DT, PE and Computing.

In Year 5, the children will do PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will do a mix of indoor and outdoor PE, so it is important that they have kit for all weathers. Just a reminder that PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts or joggers and trainers, which will be left in school. Socks should also be standard school socks. This term we are going to be swimming as our PE lesson on a Thursday morning, final information will follow soon. This will start the week beginning 22nd September.

Homework will be set on a Friday and due in by the following Friday, homework will be on Purple Mash. If your child is unable to complete their homework at home or needs additional support, teachers will be available in classrooms on a Monday lunch time. Reading Records will be handed in on a Tuesday to be checked. Listening to your child read at home is a fantastic way to support them in their development and we would like their records to be signed at least four times a week please. Now that children have reached Upper School, we allow them to record their own reading if they have read independently at home. Children will be rewarded for achieving this. We would also encourage children to continue to learn their times tables, as they are vital to the Year 5 maths curriculum. Every child has a Times Tables Rockstars login.

In Year 5, we appreciate that some children may be being a little more independent and walking to school alone, therefore, in Upper School, children are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school with them. However, their mobile is not to be used on school grounds and will be turned off and given to the teacher as soon as they enter the classroom to be locked away. If you have not returned the form for walking to/from school then an additional copy can be provided at the school office.

We are really looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us either at the classroom door or via the year group email: year5@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Neumann and Mrs Hoskins