



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 5 – the children have started off the year looking very smart in their new school uniforms and look ready and raring to go. The children have so far settled in well to Year 5 and we have been really impressed with how well they have embraced the transition to 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 text 'How to Train your Dragon' and using this to inspire our writing. In Shared Reading, we have a very exciting picture book called Mirror to base our learning on. Additionally, we have begun exploring our new topics of The USA in Geography and Space in Science. After half term, we will move on to looking at forces and the affects they have on us. 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. Due to our very packed timetable, we are asking Year 5 children to come into school in their PE kit for both of those school days as we find this saves a lot of time. We will do a mix of indoor and outdoor, 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. The children will be expected to wear their school sweatshirt with their PE kit on Wednesday and Thursday but they may bring a plain hoodie in their school bags which they can wear for the actual lesson if needed.

Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on a Thursday. Reading Records will be handed in on a Thursday 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 have attached a suggested reading list for Year 5 which we hope you will find useful. Additionally, library time for Jaguar will be on a Monday and in Wolf, it will be on a Thursday – please can you help to remind your child of this, so that library books are not overdue.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday. It would be really useful to ensure that your child is practising these regularly. As well as this, multiplication facts underpin lots of the Year 5 maths curriculum, therefore a secure knowledge will greatly support your child in their learning. This cohort was excellent at using Purple Mash to practise their multiplication tables in Year 4, so this would be great if they could continue to do this to ensure they are secure with all tables up to 12 x 12. Furthermore, some useful online games to practise these can be found at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>.

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 given to the teacher as soon as they enter the classroom to be locked away in the cupboard.

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 your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via the year group email: [year5@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:year5@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Kind Regards,  
Miss Hall, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Billings