



# Welcome to Year 5

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 5 timetable and routines and other information specific to Year 5. Your child will need your support to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September, so please read this booklet together. In Year 5 we promote an increased level of responsibility. Children will be expected to take more ownership for themselves, their belongings, homework, clubs and the start and end of day routines.

## Teaching Staff

If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 5

Teachers:

**Mrs Sharp, Mrs Thaxter and Mrs Horne**

We are also very lucky to have the following teaching assistants who will also work alongside your children and will be happy to help with any questions you may have:

**Mrs Crowther Mrs Wheelwright**

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

## Routine



Morning break is 10:50am  
Lunchtime starts at 12.:15pm  
Lunchtime finishes at 1:00pm

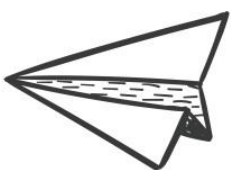


## Holidays in Term Time

We endeavour to stay open at all times because we want to make every day count. We can authorise absence for some circumstances, but we cannot authorise absence for holidays. A form (which can be found on our website or the entrance hall) needs to be completed for any requests. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school and fines could be issued.

## Communication

If your child is unable to come to school please call the school office and leave a message. If your child is not in school and we don't receive a call/message we will call you to find out if your child is safe.



Our school newsletter emailed every Monday and it is important that all families read about any important dates, notices and other information. The newsletter can also be found on our school website. Each year group also has a Twitter account and this is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class. Our Twitter account is @OldEarthYear5. You may also want to follow our school Twitter feed which is @OldEarthSchool.

## Dress Code



A reminder that only a watch and stud earrings may be worn for school. This is for the safety of all children. We also ask that all children come to school wearing school shoes. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied up in a bobble. Please also ensure your child has a small backpack, as big bags will not fit in our cloakrooms. Further to this, please could we request small pencil cases as they must fit in the child's drawer.

## Homework



Your child will be given 2 pieces of homework each week. One piece will be related to your child's spellings and the other will be related to current maths or English topics. These will be published each Monday on Purple Mash or Education City. Parents/carers are asked to help their children with the homework tasks, if necessary. If your child appears to be struggling, please feel free to contact school.

Homework will be given on a **Monday** and must be completed by Sunday.



## Parents' Evening

There will be three opportunities throughout the year for formal and informal meetings. Parents and teachers will be able to discuss pastoral and academic progress and targets will be shared. In addition, an annual written report will be sent home in the final half-term.



## Topics

We have planned to cover the following topics this year:

**Autumn Term:** Forces and Earth Science/ Anglo-Saxons and Vikings/ Forgiveness and Journeys/ Art and Design skills/ 3D modelling/ Dance and Netball.

**Spring Term:** Properties and Changes of Materials/ Mountains/ Codes of Living/ DT Pop up books/ Coding/ Gymnastics and Ball skills/ Safety and rights and responsibilities

**Summer Term:** Living Things and Their Habitats and their Life Cycles/ Volcanoes/ European Region/ Local Study on Trade and Industry/ Christian Beliefs



Note, however, that these may sometimes change due to world events

## Reading

Please try to listen to your child read every day, discussing and questioning the use of vocabulary and author techniques. Also sign and comment in the reading journal when they have read with an adult. Whole class reading sessions and comprehension tasks take place every week in Year 5 along with some 1:1 reading. Please ensure your child's reading book and record are in school **every day**. Children will be rewarded with team points for reading 7 days a week, with comments in their reading record.



## Handwriting



In Year 5 there will be a formal lesson to teach the correct joined up letter formation and intervention will be offered where needed. Please encourage best handwriting in all work.

## Spellings

Children are no longer given a weekly paper spelling test. However, practicing of spelling is expected and will be offered each week for homework. Please encourage children to use Spelling shed each week to improve all Year 5/6 spelling words and patterns.



## Numeracy



In Year 5 we have a big push on speed and accuracy of recalling times tables and mental calculations and we would appreciate parent support with this.

## Being Healthy

A healthy snack is available at most break times, although children may bring their own. Children should bring their own water bottle for water ONLY and they are responsible for taking it home to be washed every Friday. Children are encouraged to rinse and refill their water bottles daily. Please ensure snacks are separate to your child's packed lunch if they bring one.



## PE

Our PE lessons are on **Monday** (Indoor and Outdoor) **Thursdays** (outdoor). Children must come to school in their uniform and change into their PE kit for lessons. This kit will remain in school and be returned home each half term for a wash.



**Outdoor PE kit:** house t-shirt, plain track-suit bottoms, school jumper or cardigan and trainers. If your child cannot remove their own earrings for PE then please send your child without them on PE Days. Please also check that all clothes are named.

**Indoor PE kit:** house t-shirt, plain black shorts (at a modest length), black leggings, black pumps.

## Residential

It is not part of the school's long term plan to include a residential trip at Y5. However, the Y5 staff feel that good behaviour, dedication to learning and trust, should be rewarded. As such, we are potentially looking at a one day and night, cost effective, trip. We hope that this will be well supported by parents and children and will therefore hopefully run in the Summer Term.

