

Year 5

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Welcome to Year 5!

Date: Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We are pleased to be back and we hope that your children have enjoyed their first few days with us and are starting to feel more settled. So far we have been mightily impressed by the children's behaviour and how well they have adapted to the changes around school.

Please find attached our Topic Web for the learning we shall be covering in the autumn term. Our focus is to learn all about volcanoes and how they impact the daily lives of people who live near them.

Home Learning

Reading

The expectation is that your child will read at home for 20 minutes per evening. Sparx reader is now called Blackbelt Reader. The children will be asked to answer questions on what they have read using their Blackbelt bookmarks in school daily. This will allow us to monitor their reading and ensure they are on the correct level. More details will be sent out regarding how Blackbelt Reader works during the first few weeks back and how you can quiz with your child at home.

Spelling

Each week, the children will be given a few words to practise, ready for their spelling test each Friday morning. These will be linked to specific spelling patterns we are learning in class. These spellings will be set on Spelling Shed. Additionally, on the Year 5 page on our School website, is a copy of the Year 3/4 and 5/6 spelling words that they will be working through as well; they should be aware of the few words that they are practising that week.

Times Tables

We would also encourage regular times tables practise up to 12X12. This should already be knowledge they have secured by the end of year 4 so it is critical that the children continue to recall the times table facts.

PE

Each week Year 5 will have outdoor PE on Wednesday and indoor PE on Monday. Please continue to send your child into school in their PE kits, trainers and school sweater on their PE days.

During the colder months, we would advise joggers as the PE will be outdoors, also spare socks etc if they get wet! Please be reminded that if your child wears earrings, then they must either remove them for PE or bring in tape to cover them.



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Personal Belongings

Your child may wish to have their own pencil case with their own stationery in the classroom; this is absolutely fine but please remind them that their own belongings are their responsibility and need to be looked after by them.

Please can the children only bring in essentials needed for the school day.

If you wish your child to bring a mobile phone to school, please ask for a permission slip at the school office.

More recently, we have found that some children are bringing mobile phones into school, often because they are walking home on their own. Can we reiterate that any phones brought to school must be switched off as soon as your child enters the school grounds, handed to their teacher at the beginning of the school day and can only be switched on again as your child leaves the school grounds.

If your child is planning on walking home please make sure you have contacted the class teacher to let them know in advance.

Smart watches are not permitted to be worn in school.

It is extremely important that the children come to school with a water bottle and a coat **every day**.

Please make sure that if your child has any regular medication that you have filled out a form from the office and that the medication kept in school is their most recently prescribed dosage and that it is within date.

We are always here to help you so please alert us to any issues you may have or any changes at home. You can contact us in several ways:

- By phone (leaving a message with the front office) - we will call you back as soon as we can.
- By writing a note
- Class email.

Thank you for your continued support - we are so proud of the children and how they have returned to school with such a positive attitude. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 team,

Mrs Ryan, Mrs Wilson, Miss Bailey and Mrs Rogers



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