

Meet the Teacher

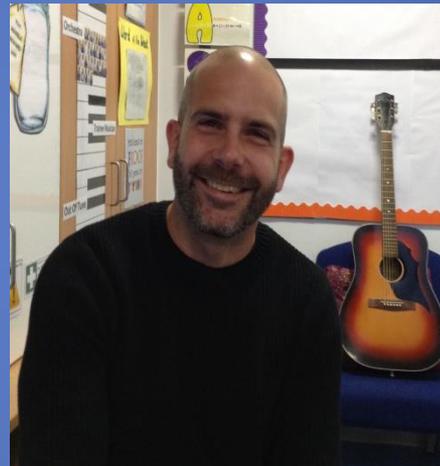
Welcome to Year 5



Who works in Year 5?



The Class Teachers are Mrs Rebecca Houldsworth and Mr Gareth Fenton.



The children will be supported in their work by the following Teaching Assistants: Mrs Jo Cavill and Mrs Hayley Highley.

Settling back to school



The wellbeing of our children is of the utmost importance to us and we will be ensuring extra time is spent to settle the children into their new class.

It is particularly important this year in light of enforced absences from school.

We know and appreciate all the work that parents have completed with their children over lockdown but we do realise that there may be a little extra learning and consolidation needed of key skills.

In the Autumn Term, there will be a greater emphasis on spellings, reading, writing and maths.

However, we do recognise the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore we will continue to teach the foundation subjects and will make sure we have lots of fun in class.

New Routines



- Staggered start – please adhere to your time slot and leave your exit promptly.
- Parents are not to pass the red line on the playground or come in via the main entrance.
- We will be working as a Year 5 bubble to limit contact between pupils. This will also be the case at lunchtimes and playtimes.
- We intend to reduce the sharing of equipment and any shared areas will be frequently cleaned.
- Children will be asked to frequently wash hands and all procedures will be explained.
- We will practise how to use tissues and follow the catch it, bin it, kill it.
- One way systems are in place around school.
- We have our own zoned area in the playground for playtimes and lunchtimes.
- NO bags to come in to school apart from lunchboxes
- ONE named water bottle
- Please ensure you do not send anything else in from home.



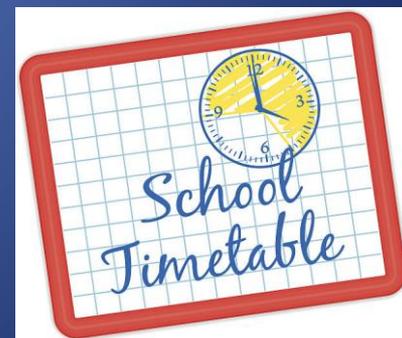
What does it mean having two Year 5 classes?



At present, whilst we are waiting for the new building work to be completed, we will be working in Mrs Houldsworth's and Mr Fenton's current classrooms. The children may move between the classrooms, being part of one bubble, and we will use this opportunity to team-teach in a number of subjects. The children may be grouped for Maths and Literacy at certain times will be taught by both teachers.

We appreciate that children have had a long time off school and we want them to feel as comfortable and happy as possible. Therefore, we will be asking the children about friendships and who they enjoy working with, in order to group them for foundation lessons.

Once we are in the newly-built classrooms, after the first half term, we intend to continue to teach Maths and Literacy in the same way to accelerate learning. We hope that the children will feel much more like they are part of one, big Year 5 cohort, as opposed to two individual classes. If your child has friends in the other class, they will get chance to work with them throughout the year.



What usually happens in Year 5?



Year 5 is usually an incredibly busy year with lots of exciting activities and experiences.

Currently, we are unable to confirm which activities can take place and this will be Covid-dependent. There is usually a Year 5 performance/celebration assembly, where children showcase their work for parents and we would hope to have a Year 5 trip in the summer term. We will keep you updated regarding these.



Rewards in Year 5

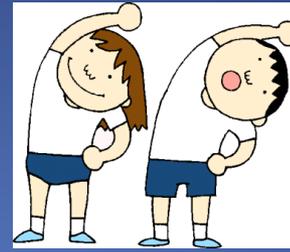


As we are working as a whole year group, we are going to start the year with a whole group reward system. We will ask the children what they would like to work towards as a treat and through discussion with them, we will decide on our targets.

We are fully aware that some children may be feeling anxious about returning to school and therefore we will make ourselves readily available to support them in any way we can. Feedback and praise will be used as a means to settle them back into school life.



Things to remember for Year 5

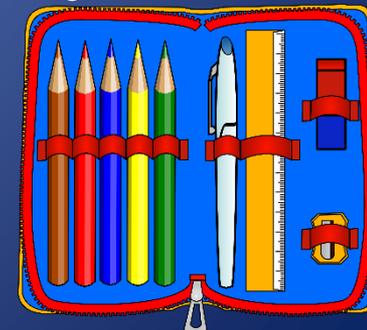


PE will be on a Tuesday, so children will need to **come to school in their PE kits**. All PE will take place outside so ensure your child is wearing appropriate outdoor school PE kit. This consists of navy blue tracksuits bottoms, a white t-shirt and a navy hoody or tracksuit top. **This should not be their school jumper.** Trainers will need to be worn.

Your child will need to bring a pencil case with coloured pencils and felt tips to ensure limited equipment sharing. Pens and pencils will be given to children to keep in their pencil case. These will stay in school in your child's tray.

Pupils should bring their own tissues to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it procedure.

Children will have a reading book to keep in their tray at school, but reading books will not be sent home.



Homework

We are aware that there has been a heavy emphasis on home learning in recent months! As such, we don't want to inundate you with homework, so instead would ask you to focus on just 2 things: making sure your child reads for 20 minutes every day and making sure their times tables are up-to-speed.

Edmodo

The children will be signed up to the Edmodo page for the whole Year 5 cohort. We will use this as a platform for sharing useful resources and information and keeping in touch with each other.

We will post the weekly spelling list on here, in case your child wants to practise them at home.

When we do begin to send homework tasks, we will post them on here and ask the children to submit their homework back to use via Edmodo – they will be shown how to do this in school.



Important information

Long hair must be tied back. Please keep hair accessories to a minimum. Headbands and bobbles must be plain and school colours. Pupils should not wear jewellery apart from a watch and simple stud earrings. **Earrings can not be worn on P.E. day (Tuesday) as we can no longer look after them.**

Inhalers need to be in-date and in school.

It is essential that your child brings in an individual water bottle as we have no water fountains in school.



We are so pleased to have all the children back in school and we hope they are excited to be back too.



They will soon get used to the new routines and ways of working and we will do our very best to make sure they have a great time in Year 5!

