

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good break at Easter and managed to make the most of the weather and the easing of some restrictions.

We have a busy summer term ahead in order to finish our Year 5 journey and to prepare the children for their final year in primary school! Here are some reminders and dates for your calendars to help you keep track.

Forest School Dates

Both Year 5 classes will have their forest school sessions this half term so will need to wear suitable outside clothes for the weather that are OK to get dirty. They may come to school on these dates wearing Forest School clothing.

Holly Dates are: 29th March, 26th April, 17th May, 7th & 21st June, 5th July

Willow Dates are: 19th April, 10th & 24th May, 14th & 28th June, 12th July

Homework

Reading: We are monitoring reading vigorously again in school and reading records of home reading will be checked during the morning sessions. We are expecting children to read at least 4 times per week for a minimum of 15 minutes but ideally now it should be every night.

Maths: We will be sending out Maths homework on a Friday. This will be a consolidation of what we have learnt in school that week. It will be available on Google Classroom to print at home but children will also have a paper copy which will be stuck into an exercise book. We will mark this together as part of the lesson on a Thursday, so please ensure children have this with them on that day. (This is good practice for secondary school and follows our school value of responsibility).

Times tables: We will have a times table focus each week and children will be expected to learn these. Spending 10 minutes practising them every day is better than trying to learn them the night before. We would like children to use the online game *Hit the Button* to help with this but you could also make up your own games at home and don't forget *TT Rockstars* to keep revisiting facts. Times tables will be tested formally on a Friday and your child's score recorded in their homework book so that you can see how they are doing.

Spellings: We work on spelling patterns in class and occasionally children will have spellings from their key word list to practise. There will be an assessment of these words at the end of the year.

PE

Children in Year 5 will continue to have PE twice a week. **For Holly Class this is on Wednesday and Friday.**

For Willow Class this is on Thursday and Friday.

On those days, children must come to school dressed in PE kit: purple school sweatshirt/cardigan (no other sweatshirts please), school PE t-shirt and plain dark shorts or leggings/jogging bottoms.

Teaching Staff

Your children will continue to be taught by the Year 5 Team which consists of:

Mrs Bindon and Mrs Kennedy in Holly Class

Mrs Kerswell and Mrs Chivers in Willow Class

Mrs Farmer, Mrs Gunstone and Mrs Peat - HLTA/TA staff across both classes

Summer Weather

Hopefully the sun will stay with us for the remainder of the term so please remember that on days when hot, sunny weather is forecast, children should apply sun cream before school and bring sun hats (labelled with your child's name) for outside play. Children must also bring in a water bottle for the classroom, playtimes and lunchtimes (which they can refill during the day) in order to stay hydrated.

We look forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

The Year 5 Team

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