

# Year 5 Information



Dear Parents and carers,  
Happy New Year! The Year 5 team hopes you have had a restful Christmas break. We are looking forward to starting the spring term with lots of exciting learning opportunities for you to access from the safety of your home. We would like to give you the following information, which will support your child's learning.

## **Reading Books**

We would like to encourage the children to read at home, every night for 20 minutes. It is important that they enjoy the books they read to create a love for reading. Listening to them read will also give them that support in sharing ideas and discussing what the book is about. They will learn new words that they can use in their writing. They will develop their grammar and spelling skills and this will help them to improve their writing.

## **Fiction/story books: Questions you can ask after reading a book**

- **Who were the main characters?**
- **Who was your favourite character and why?**
- **Describe the characters.**
- **What words were used to describe their looks, personality, actions etc?**
- **Where was the story set?**
- **Describe the setting.**
- **List the new words in a word book and use a dictionary to find the meaning.**
- **What were the main events? Summarise the story in a short paragraph.**

## **Non-Fiction:**

- **What was the book about?**
- **Who was it written for?**
- **How has the author made it interesting?**
- **What did you learn?**
- **Write about an interesting fact**
- **Do further research on the topic**
- **Write about a recent event/news article (watch Newsround)**

## **Online learning**

As per the most recent Government announcement, we are expecting to be remote learning until at least February half-term. Please see below for some guidance on school expectations regarding live lessons:

- Please help your child set up and access the Microsoft Teams and Seesaw lessons daily
- Please make sure that your child logs into Microsoft Team on time every day – the school day will begin at 9.00am
- Discuss with your child the appropriate way to behave in the meeting - in the same way as if they were in school with the member of staff. If a child is behaving inappropriately, the school may need to suspend their school account temporarily
- Please DO NOT film or record the session on another device; this is a safeguarding and potentially a legal/GDPR issue
- Only the child should be in camera view and contribute to the session during live calls
- Children must wear suitable clothing during the lesson in front of the camera – school uniform is NOT required.
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms; and the background should be blurred if possible.
- The live class will be recorded as part of our safe guarding policy
- Live classes will be kept to a reasonable length of time
- Language must be appropriate, including children and any family members in the background

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The following sections relate to when children return to on-site learning (as well as those children who will continue to be in school during this lockdown):

**School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform every day *when back in school*. Every item of clothing must have their name written inside. Trainers are not part of the school uniform, this includes black trainers. Please make sure that your child wears weather appropriate clothing to school every day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions please do not bring bags from home unless bringing a packed lunch. The school has provided a water bottle for each child as well as stationery wallets.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

The school day begins at 8.30am and ends at 3:30pm. The children will enter the school and leave via the back playground, as before. Attendance has a huge impact on attainment, so it is imperative that your child is in school and on time every day; therefore, please make any appointments that your child needs outside of school hours.

**PE**

PE is on Tuesday and Friday. Please be reminded that children must now wear their PE kits to school on those days.

We look forward to the term ahead; please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,  
Year 5 Team