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Friday 7th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are very happy to return for a new school year and hope your children have had an exciting yet relaxing summer holiday and are ready for all of the new challenges ahead.

Our Year 5 team consists of Mrs Adams, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Rowsell in 5RA and Mr Giles and Mrs Norsworthy in 5PG. Mrs Edgerton will be teaching Music and French with both classes and Mrs Hiscock will be cooking with Year 5.

Our Topic is Dragons this term. We will be focusing on the Viking invasions in History, forces in Science and designing and making dragons in DT, please see the attached over view for more details. Both classes will be reading 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We will be basing our writing curriculum around it as well as using it to inspire drama and discussion.

Please either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (5 times a week would be ideal) and don't forget to get them to fill in the record book so you can sign it. They can also write in when they have read other books from home, magazines or instruction booklets etc!

In addition to reading, learning times tables and weekly spellings, Y5 children will have 2 pieces of formal homework. Maths Challenge and English will be set on a Monday to be handed in on the Friday. Homework should be slightly challenging but if your child is really struggling please speak to us or write a note on the work itself so that we are aware. Each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete. If homework is not handed in on time we will expect children to complete it in their break or lunch time. As in other year groups we will also set a family homework task linked to our topic, please see the topic over view for details.

Both classes will require their PE kits to be in school at all times. 5PG will have indoor PE on a Monday and outside Games on Fridays, 5RA will have outdoor PE on Monday and indoor PE on Friday. We suggest that as the term gets colder they have a tracksuit (which doesn't need to be Queensgate colours) in addition to their shorts, T shirts and trainers; spare socks are a good idea as we will be outside on the field as much as possible. Please keep PE kits in school unless the children get particularly muddy, as they will only be wearing them for a couple of hours per week.

Please ensure all kits, school uniforms, trainers, shoes and coats are named as things can get muddled very easily.



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We are very aware that as children reach upper Key Stage 2 hygiene becomes more of an issue. As they get older it is essential that children are washing themselves and using deodorant before school as well as cleaning their teeth. Our classrooms are small and warm so we are trying hard to prevent unnecessary unpleasant odours!

Year 5 is set to be an exciting, challenging year. We aim to make the learning as interesting as possible and we will set high expectations for behaviour, work and progress. We appreciate, as always, your support in helping us to teach your children effectively.

We will be having 'meet the teacher' sessions on Monday 9th September at 2:30 and 2:45 where we will talk at more detail and will be able to answer any questions regarding the curriculum.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any further questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning. We will be having formal parent consultations straight after half term when we will be able to talk to you about how your child has settled in and the progress they are making.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team:

Mrs Adams, Mr Giles, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Norsworthy and Mrs Rowsell.



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