



Dear Parents and Carers,

Miss Dainter and I would like to welcome you and your children to year 5. It is going to be a busy and enjoyable year; full of hard work and lots of challenges.

The children have already engaged fully in the schools' behaviours for learning and the importance of adhering to rules in everyday life. They have settled really well and are looking forward to all the responsibility being in year 5 brings.

The topic this half term is 'Human Geography' and we will be studying both physical and human geography as well as carrying out map and atlas work.

PE this term will be Monday and Wednesday. Mr Gill, will continue to take the children for lessons. Please send the children in with a named P.E kit. They will bring this home every half term to be washed.

Homework

As per our Homework Policy, children in year 5 will be expected to spend 2 hours on homework activities. Over the year these will include:

- Reading
- Spellings
- Handwriting practice
- Reading comprehension activities
- Grammar and punctuation activities
- Planning presentations
- Researching topics
- Learning Times Tables
- Learning number facts and number bonds
- Practising calculation strategies learned in class

Supporting your children at home with their reading, spellings and times table homework plays a vital role to helping them make progress. It is wonderful to see the improvements that can be made and with your support, all children will be able to consolidate these essential skills.

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and is due back on the following Wednesday. Please encourage the children to complete their homework every week. They will also be bringing a reading diary home to record their reading each evening. Please listen to your child read and make any comments in the diary. You can also use the diary to send a message to me if you wish to do so.

Please send your child in with water bottle, clearly named and containing water only.

This year will be a very busy one. The children will be expected to work hard and stay focussed and your support in encouraging them to do this would be very much appreciated.

I look forward to meeting you all at the first parent's evening of the year but if you are concerned about anything before then please don't hesitate to come and see me. My door is always open.

Mrs Croft
Year 5 teacher

