

September—October 2017

I hope you all had a great summer holiday—it certainly sounds as if the children did!

I'm really impressed with how smart the children all look in their new uniforms. Thank you for helping them with this. If your child's uniform is not yet named please name it as soon as possible

The children have already settled well into our new class and have quickly remembered new routines—they really do seem so much more grown up now they are part of Upper Key Stage 2!

Please do come and see me with any questions or concerns and I will do my best to answer them.

Janet Smith
Y5 Teacher

Remember your child will be expected to:

- ◆ *Always* try their best.
- ◆ Be *kind* and *considerate* to everyone.
- ◆ Do their **homework neatly** —bring it back to school on **FRIDAY**.
- ◆ Practice their spellings every night to prepare for a spelling test usually on Tuesday.
- ◆ **Read regularly** to an **adult** at home.
- ◆ Have their reading folder in school **every day**.
- ◆ Have their **PE kit** in on Monday and Thursday.

P.E. kit



- ◆ dark blue shorts
- ◆ pale blue t-shirt
- ◆ **plimsolls or trainers** —remember many of our PE lessons will be outside and school shoes are not suitable)
- ◆ a water bottle

All in a small bag (drawstring if possible) **ALL NAMED PLEASE!**

PE will be on **MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS this term.**

SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) — Continuing from last year your child will have a SRE lesson later this term—if you want to find out more about what we will be covering please come and see me.

BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate birthdays and know that some of you like to send in cake when it is your child's birthday.

However, **we do not have time or staff to be cutting up big gooey cakes so *if* you wish to send in a cake please send individual fairy / cup cakes or wrapped sweets (must be vegetarian and nut free) or, as we try to be healthy school, why not send in some special fruit?**

THANK YOU — to those of you who have sent in Individual fairy cakes in the past — much appreciated!

English -

We will be using whole texts to inspire a range of written work this half term. There will be a lot of reading in our English lessons, as children read they will be learning new writing skills and become better authors themselves.



Maths -

We will be in our groups working on the new Power Maths model—do come and ask if you want to know more about our new approach. Your child will continue to be taught a wide range of mathematical skills.



Topic— Ancient Civilisations—Greece and Egypt!

We are all fascinated by the past and there are many aspects of these ancient civilisations that we will be studying. It will also link to work in Science, Art and English. Why not visit the local library or do some internet research at home to find out some interesting facts?

This term your child will also be taught by:

Mrs Stewart—PE,
Mrs Bowden—ICT
and their group teacher for Power Maths and Power Literacy

For parents and carers

Please help you child by:

♦ Ensuring that ALL their possessions , especially fleeces, sweatshirts, plimsolls and stationery are named and easily identifiable. Sew in name tapes are best for clothing as 'written on' names do not last.

♦ Encouraging your child's growing independence – letting them sort out their own lunchbox, coat, shoes etc. We understand that this takes them time at first and allow for it.

♦ Listening to them read, or ask them about their books and encourage them to read **every** day.



♦ Practising Maths skills in a friendly and informal way – number games, mental arithmetic and table facts—check the school website about free Maths Apps

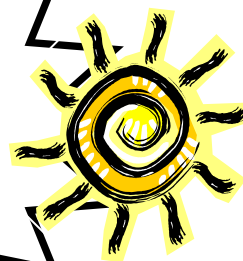
♦ Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves.

♦ Coming and asking if you or your child have any worries – however small.



♦ **Remember, we have more time to listen after school than in the mornings and other staff are available too.**

Help
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- * Hearing them **read regularly at home** and signing their reading record book.
- * Making sure they have somewhere **quiet** to do their homework. Homework will be given out on **Mondays to be returned on Fridays.**
- * Helping them learn their spellings. Spelling Test on Fridays.
- * Making sure they have their **PE Kit** in school on Mondays and Thursdays.
- * Ensuring they have a **fresh bottle** of water every day, it can get quite warm in our class and it is particularly needed on PE days
- * Encouraging them to be in school **on time every day.** We now allow children in from 8:50 am.
- * BIRTHDAYS—please see inside!

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