



YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM NEWS

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the holidays!

The school's annual Meet and Greet afternoon is due to take place **from 3.30-4.30pm on Wednesday 12th September**. This is an informal opportunity for you to meet the staff working with your child this year and find out more about the year group.

If you are unable to make this date and need to speak to us, please feel free to come and see us before or after school; we would ask that you go to reception in the first instance for safeguarding reasons.

The Year 5 Team:

5B: Miss Bowen (Year Leader)

5T: Mr Thompson

5N: Mr Newnes

5S: Mrs Spence

The children will be further supported in classes by: Miss Brighton, Mrs Franklin, Miss Hase, Mr McManus, Mr Valente and Ms Roberts.

Curriculum

Our topics for this half term are as follows:

Science: Living things and their habitats

Curriculum learning journey: Africa (see attached curriculum map for details)

PE/Games: Football, dance, OOA, gymnastics

French: Greetings, the classroom and the body

Computing: Researching and presenting information

Personal development: Exploring new beginnings; equality and diversity

A more detailed overview of the year will soon be available on the website; hard copies will be available at the meet and greet.

Dates for diary...

Wednesday 12th September—Meet and greet

W/B 15th October—Parent Cafes

Snacks

We would like to remind you that Angel Road Junior School is a 'Healthy School'. We ask that you send your child to school with fruit only as a snack for break-time. Due to several serious allergies amongst the children, we are also a nut free school.

Home Learning

We really value support from families in practising reading, writing and maths skills at home. Ideally, your child would complete the following:

- Reading x 3 per week
- Sumdog x3 per week (If your child is having problems logging in, please see a member of the Year 5 Team!)
- Spelling x2 per week

There are also a number of activities ranging across the curriculum featured on our 'Homework Menu'. We would ask that at least one of these is completed in their orange homework books to hand in **every Monday**.

We have also devised a topic/science home learning activity sheet filled with interesting ideas to promote learning in these areas. These are **not compulsory**, but we would love to **see and display** any work completed by the children that has been inspired by these!

*The first home learning menus and spelling lists will be sent home on **Monday 10th September**.*

Games and PE

The children will need full PE kit on the following days:

Games—Monday

PE—Friday

Jewellery, apart from earrings, should not be worn to school. Earrings should be studs or hoops no bigger than a little finger in diameter. They will not be allowed to be worn for PE and Games. If your child is unable to take part in Games or PE then could you please send a letter explaining the problem to the class teacher.

Library Books

Some children will take a banded reading book home to read; this book will be reading age appropriate and should be brought in and changed regularly.

All children will have the opportunity to take home two books of their choice from our well-stocked school library. As the children are allowed a free choice, the reading age *could be above the level your child is currently working at.*

Water bottles

Your child should have a **named** water bottle to use in school. This should ideally have a sports cap to avoid spillages and be filled with **water only.**

Equipment

Please help your child to organise the equipment they will need for each day. This will generally include: pens, pencils, erasers and a ruler.

Interventions

We plan to begin interventions with the children next week. These include handwriting, spelling, reading, wave 3 maths, socially speaking and attention autism. Most children in the year group will receive some form of targeted intervention at some point in the year. This could be ongoing, or for a short period depending on the needs of the children.

We hope your child will enjoy their first half term with us, but should any difficulties arise, please contact the class teacher.

The Year 5 Team

