

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and would like to welcome you to Year 5. We are very much looking forward to a happy and successful year.

We are very excited by our new curriculum and our topic this term is 'City Story'.

We will be focusing on the local history of Leeds and Headingley, in particular the significance of the Victorian era leading on to World War 2 and post war years. We will be using maps of the area as part of our geography work. In Science, we will be studying forces and investigating gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also learn about the mechanisms of levers, pulleys and gears and link this to our work in DT where we will design and make a toy that uses a mechanical system. Our English work will link to our topic work and will include writing recounts and persuasive writing as well as story writing. In Maths, we will continue with the Passport targets from Y4 and be following the Y5 Mathematics Curriculum beginning with number, place value and calculation followed by work on statistics and measurement. In Art we will begin by looking at industrial art and cityscapes. Focusing on the work of L.S. Lowry, children will have the opportunity to develop their own pictures in a similar style. Computing sessions will focus on internet safety and further development of basic skills and in RE, children we will be exploring the questions 'Why are some places and journeys special?' and 'Should we forgive others?'

Staff

Adults working in Tigris class this year are: Ms Waller as the class teachers and Mrs Farnhill and Mrs Dickinson as learning support assistants. Ms Virgin will continue to take the children for a weekly art lesson and Ms Earl will be taking the children for their weekly French lesson. Mr Nash will also be in class supporting some lessons.

PE Lessons

This term the PE days will be on Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for every lesson: a plain white or purple top, dark shorts, pumps and/or trainers. As the weather becomes colder, tracksuit bottoms will be appropriate as we will continue to do outdoor PE throughout the winter months. If your child trains for the rugby or football teams, they will need separate kit for this, so their PE kit remains clean.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school. These will be filled for them every morning before school starts and the water will be changed each day.

Homework

This half-term's homework will be given out shortly along with the date for it to be completed by. Please remember it is still vitally important for children in Year 5 to read regularly and widely (every day is recommended). Further to this, please take every opportunity to give your child chances to practise their mental maths techniques and Passport targets, spelling and handwriting. A skill that is essential for children in Year 5 is to know all their times table facts (up to 12 x 12) so if you know your child has some way to go to be able to achieve this, then please could you help them with this at home.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to this very important year with your children and getting to know them really well. Please do come and see us with any concerns or queries you may have or just to say hello and introduce yourself. It is usually

easiest to catch us at the end of the school day at the classroom door. We firmly believe that your child's education requires a partnership between home and school and we want to enable your child to achieve their very best.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Ms Waller

Mrs Farnhill

Mrs Dickinson

Staff working in class this half term	PE Days	Reading book day	Maths Passport day	Spelling day	Library book day
Mrs Mitchell (Wed- P.E) Ms Virgin (Wed - Art) Ms Earl (Thurs - French)	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Everyday – there are several times during the school day when children are expected to read to themselves so they need a reading book in school every day.	Friday – Please pop in and ask if you/your child are unsure of their targets.	Friday – children have a spelling test every Friday. They will bring home a list of words to learn each Monday.	On Thursdays children go to the library in small groups and can choose a new book each week from our fantastic school library.