



## **Year 5 - Parents Information**

### **Members of staff**

Owls: Mrs Lowes (Mon-Wed) and Miss Parker (Thurs – Fri) with Mrs Philpott supporting  
Robins: Mr Kennedy with Mrs Matrunola supporting  
Jackdaws: Miss Strange (Tue-Fri) and Miss Parker (Mon) with Mrs Fyfe supporting

### **Our aims**

To build on the learning from year 4 and ensure the children are ready for the final stage of their primary school education. It is our expectation that the children come into school preparing to 'live' the school values:

- Building resilience
- Inspiring curiosity
- Developing teamwork and independence
- Instilling empathy

### **Topics**

We have planned our learning around themes, which we embed into our learning across the curriculum.

- Autumn Term – Achievements and Legacies & Land of the free
- Spring Term – Danger Zones & Beliefs
- Summer Term – From Bean to Bar & Our Planet, Our Problem

### **Pick up and drop off arrangements**

The classroom door opens for the children at **8:40am**. The register closes at 8.55am after which time children should be taken to the office and registered. At the end of the day, the children will walk independently to meet their parents, followed by their class teachers. The teachers are available to talk at these times but if you would like longer to discuss your child's learning or well-being then please arrange a meeting with us.

### **Homework**

Homework passports are sent out at the beginning of a half term. The children should choose at least **4** activities and complete them at home. They should then bring in evidence to add into their folders (which will be kept at school). During the last week of each half term we will spend time looking through the children's folders and celebrating the learning that they have done at home.



**Reading** – We expect a minimum of **4** reads per week (and will reward any extra reads!) but encourage your child to read every day. Where possible it is also hugely beneficial for them to read aloud to an adult. Please sign and date in your child's home/school contact book when your child does read at home.

**Maths** – Whilst we do not set formal Maths homework, we do expect the children to practise their times tables regularly at home

### **Equipment**

Whilst the school will always provide equipment for children, it is hugely appreciated if parents are able to contribute towards this. If you would like to provide equipment for your children then it is useful for them to have a BLUE handwriting pen (no biros please), a writing pencil, a rubber, colouring pencils, a glue stick and a whiteboard pen. This equipment can all be purchased from the school office or during our stationery shop days.

### **P.E.**

P.E. is taught on a Monday and Wednesday. If children have earrings, they must be able to remove them themselves and P.E. kits should be in school every day. From November 4th we will begin swimming lessons on a Monday. You will be receiving a letter with more information very shortly.

### **Social Media**

The teaching of social media is an integral part of our Computing curriculum. Year on year, we find the issues surrounding the use of social media in Year 5 increasing. Please be aware that we share the age restrictions of apps and websites with the children (as listed below). The website [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk) has excellent information for both parents and children on how to keep safe online and is worth visiting. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's social media use then please remember that we are always here to help.



If you have any queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us!