



Year 5 Autumn Term

I hope that you have all had a great summer and are looking forward to starting in Year 5!

In order to help you quickly settle into life and routines in Year 5, I have outlined below information you may find useful:

The School Day:

Children are welcome to come into the Year 5 classroom from 8.40am each morning so that they can be settled and ready for registration at 8.45am. Please be aware that children who arrive earlier and wait outside the classroom will not be supervised.

At the end of the day children are dismissed on to the bottom playground. Please wait on the playground and not on the drive. If your child is walking home on their own or with friends, please could you let me know that they have permission to do so.

PE:

PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will need to come to school in suitable PE kit on both of these days.

Homework:

A spelling list will be given at the start of the week which we will be working with in class, there will also be an assignment set on Spelling Shed to support this. Your child will bring home a reading book and diary; please encourage regular reading at home (minimum of 3 times per week) and record their frequency in the diary. There will also be reading challenges for your child to participate in if they wish.

Occasionally, your child may bring work home to finish if it hasn't been completed in class. If this does happen, I will inform you.

Water Bottles and snacks:

Drinking water is encouraged in Year 5 as it is important to stay hydrated. However, please could water bottles be the 'no spill' variety rather than the sort that require the whole lid to be unscrewed. Also no straw cups please!

Healthy snacks are encouraged to provide the correct nutrition to energise the children and to help them stay focused to learn. Please no sweets, chocolate or crisps. Fruit and vegetables are the best choice for morning play or maybe some protein from a boiled egg.

Weekly tests:

Each week there will be a times table test: children will be set according to their ability, and it will be recorded in their planners. They will need to pass each test 3 times before moving on to the next one.

There will also be a spelling test every Monday on the word list from the previous week.

Field Play:

As you know, in Key Stage 2 we like to enjoy field play for as much of the year as possible. With this in mind, please could you ensure your child has a change of footwear in school at all times. Wellingtons are by far and away the simplest and most effective choice—an extra pair of socks kept in their bag would be handy too!

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me sooner rather than later. This can be done through either the Class Dojo messaging system or on my school email: **Nicola.Martin@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk** If you feel a face-to-face meeting would be more beneficial, please contact me for an appointment.

Please read on for an outline of what we will be learning this term.

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During this term we will be learning:

English

Our English lessons are based on four key areas of learning: spelling, grammar, reading and writing.

In the autumn term we go back to basics with our writing, ensuring that children are secure with sentence structure, punctuation, vocabulary and handwriting and presentation. We are going to be using our class text 'The Legend of Viking Thunder' by MG Leonard as a stimulus for these lessons and will be focusing heavily on improving the quality of our writing rather than the quantity.

For our reading lessons we will be continuing to use the 'Complete Comprehension' scheme which develops all the key reading skills.

Maths

Maths lessons are delivered daily with one of these sessions dedicated to fluency in arithmetic.

This term we will be covering:

Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.

Science

This term we will study two topics in science: Space and living things and their habitats.

We will learn about how the Earth, moon, and other planets move in relation to the sun, and how the Earth's rotation causes day and night. They will also explore the spherical shape of the sun, Earth, and moon, and how these movements explain the patterns we see in the sky. We will be learning about the differences in life cycles mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. Also we will be looking at how plants reproduce.

RE

In RE we will be developing our understanding of Christianity by studying what it means for God to be holy and loving. We will also be studying Islam and how people's beliefs about God, the world and others have impact on their lives.

Art and DT

In our art sessions we will be looking at typography. Children will be creating their own fonts and designs, using letters and visuals to express ideas and emotions. They also study artists who combine lettering with maps before designing their own creative, often three-dimensional story maps. Later in the term we will be designing and making Christmas fair games.

PE

During the autumn term the children who cannot yet swim 50m will be participating in swimming lessons. The rest of the children will be learning invasion games and gymnastics. As the term progresses, we will be doing dance and handball.

History & Geography

In history we will be learning about the Vikings. We will be investigating whether they were raiders, traders or something else! For geography, we will be looking at what we know about the UK including our local area.

PSHE

We will start the year by looking at relationships and how we can be a good friend. We will then move on to thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe.

Music

In the first part of the term we will be having instrumental lessons, learning to play the recorder. During the second half term we will join with the rest of Key Stage 2 in order to learn songs in unison and parts ready for our school carol service.