



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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## Y5 Summer Year Group letter

Dear Parents and carers of children in Y5,

Welcome back to another exciting term! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. We have some interesting topics planned for the children to learn about this term, including:

- Life cycles in plants, animals and humans
- Early Islamic Civilisation
- The Olympics

### Home Learning:

As always, we would like to say thank you for the time and effort given to support your children's Home Learning. The children take great pride in the work they produce and have created some amazing pieces. Next week a new grid will be stuck in to your child's Home Learning book to complete this half term as well as weekly spellings and daily reading.

**Reading with your child** is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. Make it a nurturing and bonding time for you and your child. It is important that your child reads a variety of genres to develop a rich vocabulary which supports their writing. Talking about what they are reading will develop their reading comprehension. Here are some useful links:

<https://blog.oxfordowl.co.uk/five-ways-to-encourage-reluctant-readers/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/making-time-for-books-at-home>

Choosing the right book with your child is key: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> and/or

<http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

In addition, please continue to practise **times tables** with your child, as this is vital in their mathematics learning.

### PE Kits:

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school for PE lessons on: **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Full PE kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- There will be a Year 5 parent meeting on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** to discuss Sex and Relationship Education and Secondary Transfer
- We will be visiting the Olympic Park, Stratford and the Velodrome as part of our topic learning on **Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Further information will be provided nearer the time
- Sharing Assemblies: **Poplar 5 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May/Willow 5 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Many thanks,

Mr Willimott, Mrs Keith, Mrs Jones, Mme Watson and Miss Dela-Cruz (The Y5 Team)