



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
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Y5 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for a fresh and exciting new year. In Year 5 this term, we have some interesting topics planned for the children to learn about, including:

- **Science:** learning about forces and carrying out practical activities to develop the children's knowledge of key vocabulary, including designing and making parachutes
- **History:** Vikings
- **Art/DT:** creating Viking artefacts and creating Viking pictures and prints using different media

In the Autumn Term, our **class readers** will be 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' written by Louis Sachar and 'Beowulf' written by Michael Morpurgo.

Home Learning:

This will start from the week beginning Monday 18th September 2017. Homework goes out on a Thursday and needs to come in on the following Tuesday. Children will be expected to complete one activity from the home learning grid along with a spelling task each week.

School Books:

Children need to make sure that all work in their books follows the 'neat work rules' which are displayed in the classroom. They will be expected to continue using the Highwood cursive handwriting script when writing in their books.

Reading:

Reading is essential to all of your child's learning. Make reading a special time at home, on a regular basis where you share a story together and talk about what you have read. This will develop your child's reading comprehension, develop their vocabulary and increase their love of books.

Times tables:

Knowing all times tables to x12 is vital to all of the mathematics learning in Year 5. Therefore, please support your child by helping them practise their times tables regularly. You could use games online, singing and chanting them on the way to school or through playing maths board games.

P.E. Kits:

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school on: Tuesday and Wednesday. Full P.E. kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Hair that is longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back and no jewellery is permitted. Tape will be provided by the teacher to cover up any stud earrings.





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Parental Support:

If you have any spare time available during the school day we would be very pleased to have your help in our classrooms, possibly reading with children or helping in practical lessons.

Equipment:

We strongly suggest that all children bring a pencil case to school, to keep their whiteboard and writing pens in. This will mean that they are easily accessible for every lesson. These pencil cases must be of a sensible size that will fit in their tray. Children need to have a water bottle (labelled) in school every day which they can use at break and lunch times.

Sharing Assemblies

Willow 5 – Friday 10th November

Poplar 5 – Friday 23rd February

Black History Assembly – Friday 24th November

Trips

PGL: There will be a parent meeting regarding the PGL trip on Tuesday 19th September at 6pm.

PPA:

The Year 5 teachers' planning time is on a Tuesday afternoon and will be covered by Mr. Steve Johnson, teaching ICT and Mr. Liam Willimott, teaching P.E.

Staffing:

Mrs Kenny will be teaching Poplar 5 on a Monday. Mr Meyjes will be teaching Poplar 5 for the rest of the week.

The Year 5 Team:



Miss Alice Fletcher
Class Teacher



Mr. Ben Meyjes
Class Teacher



Mrs Sarah Kenny
Class Teacher



Mme Vanessa Watson
Teaching Assistant



Mr James Allett
Teaching Assistant

Many thanks,

Miss Alice Fletcher, Mr Ben Meyjes and Mrs Sarah Kenny

