

YEAR 5 TERMLY

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school after the extraordinarily long summer break. We hope you are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities that we have in store for the following year. The following staff team will be responsible for teaching the year five students:

Mr Hunt – New River Class

Miss Blackaller – Dobbs Weir Class

Mrs Smith – Dobbs Weir Class

Mrs Atkinson- Dobbs Weir and New River Class

Mrs Ross- Dobbs Weir and New River Class

As you may already know, we follow a project based learning curriculum to help focus our learning throughout each term; this is based around a key question.

Topic

We will follow our project based learning format by teaching all about our class name and the local area; our question for the first part of the Autumn term is “Where are we?”. We shall be visiting the local sites that our classes are named after and will make drawings of the things that take our interest. Additionally, we will be studying more of Hoddesdon and the class names that we use in the rest of the school.

The second half term will be focusing upon space and our solar system. There may be the chance to observe some of these if the University of Hertfordshire can visit with their planetarium (all dependent upon Covid restrictions). All of the work we do will be focused around this topic.

Maths

We are continuing to use our Maths No Problem scheme this year to teach and deepen mathematical understanding across the school.

Year 5 will begin the year recapping place value and moving on to the four operations. We will start by looking at numbers up to 1,000,000. In the coming weeks, the children will then use their knowledge and apply it to the four operations in context.



RE

This term, we are focussing on the religious beliefs and practises of Christianity and Judaism.

Computing

This term we will be looking at the importance of computing and big data. We will examine the growth of this phenomena and how it can affect our everyday lives. Additionally, we will also be looking more deeply at how we can stay safe when using computers and working online.

Homework

Homework will consist of two components: spellings and times tables.

Maths homework will be to use TT Rockstars to prepare for a weekly times tables test. We expect children to be proactive in learning all their times tables up to 12x until they know them fluently and out of order. The class teacher will also advise children which X tables to focus on each week.

Spellings homework will be based around the weekly spellings. The spellings will be handed out every Friday and should be practiced at home. These spellings will be tested weekly on a Wednesday.

Additionally, school policy expects children to read an appropriate level book at least 3 times a week, to an adult. Please record this in your child's home-school journal, which will be checked once per week.

Please use this home-school journal to communicate with the class teacher about any issues that may arise.

We have a selection of Year 5 essential readers at school, which the children can borrow. Every child will be expected to have read most of the texts by the end of the year. These are The London Eye Mystery; The Chronicles of Narnia; Kensuke's Kingdom; The Polar bear Explorers Club; The Miraculous Journey and A Wrinkle in Time. However, there are many other books that children can choose from if this selection is not to their taste

PE

In light of the present circumstances, children are expected to come to school in P.E. kits on their day for PE (year five will be doing PE on Monday afternoon). Additionally, all children will be taking part in the daily mile, therefore they need to be wearing appropriate footwear or they can leave their PE shoes in school. Please contact the school office for any required kit replacements.

Many thanks for your continued support, and if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us either through the School Office or at the gate at the end of the school day.



School trips and experiences

In order to plan the year, we have created a list of our anticipated trips and visits this year to enable you to pre-plan.

We aim to have at least one experience per half term to enrich the learning of the children whilst in year five. We always endeavour to keep the cost to a minimum and at times even free. The following are the experiences we have planned for this year. However, all of these will be dependent upon the COVID-19 restrictions that are in place.

Term	Description	Approximate Cost
Autumn term 1	Class name visit to New River and Dobbs Weir	Free
Autumn term 2	University of Hertfordshire Planetarium	£5
Spring term 1	Local visit to Barclay park	Free
Spring term 2	RE trip to London to visit a synagogue and church/cathedral	£10
Summer term 1	Viking Visit, experience the lifestyle of a Viking warrior	£10
Summer term 2	One night camping on the school field	TBA
Summer term 2	Exploring our local environment (school grounds and pond area)	Free

We will always try to keep the cost at a minimum and the prices above are approximate.

Further information will follow when we have agreed the details.

Mr Hunt

Miss Blackaller

Mrs Smith

Mrs Atkinson

Mrs Ross



SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school

FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

JEWELLERY

- The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

