



Ashley Junior School

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5th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 5!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive term. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Spring Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm.

Appointments can be made via your child's online Arbor account from Friday 24th January from 5:00pm.

The home learning requirements for Year 5 continue to be:

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record at least three times a week. Please refer to the guidance at the front of your child's Reading River. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for each class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter. Library Day will take place every Monday. Please ensure your child remembers their library book every week.

Spelling

We will continue to ask your child to practise their spellings weekly on Spelling Frame. The programme builds your child's spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have an impact if they use Spelling Frame at least three times a week for 10 minutes per session, completing the test. Please contact us if you require log in details.

Maths

Your child will be expected to continue to access 'TTRS,' the online Times table platform that is designed to challenge children. Again, this should be used at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

P.E

This term, P.E. will take place on Tuesday. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their P.E kit underneath.

Trips

Many of the children will be going to Osmington Bay Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March for an action-packed three days of team building and outdoor activities. Those who remain at school will also complete a special project. Arnewood trip to see Shrek the Musical is on 26th January. Lunch will need to be provided for that day. Those who have FSM will be provided with a picnic style lunch.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school. Please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day.

Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme <https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners+and+Milk&pid=56> Alternatively, you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

If you wish to speak to you child's class teacher, please contact the school office, who will make the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Year Five Team