



Ashley Junior School

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4th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year Five!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Five. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn 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 Welcome Meeting

The year 5 parent welcome meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 14th September, lasting approximately 20 minutes to share expectations. We look forward to meeting you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Monday 25th September and Tuesday 26th September**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Friday 15th September or contact the school office.

The home learning requirements for Year 5:

Spelling

Your child will be asked to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. 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 'DoodleSpell' at least three times a week for 10 minutes per session.

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. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term ready for this to start week beginning Monday 11th September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for both Barn Owl and Eagle Class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Maths

'DoodleMaths': Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

School Trips

You will receive separate communications for each trip and please consider dates and timings may differ from previous years.

P.E

P.E. will be on Fridays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible trainers. 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 PE Kit underneath. School branded sports hoodies can be worn on PE days only.

In school equipment

Children are allowed to bring in their own bags. Please note, the cubby holes are quite small so large bags may be inappropriate. Also, all stationery is provided so the children do not need to bring pencil cases. Toys and fidgets are not permitted.

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 www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/ .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 5 Team