

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## **New to Year 5 Letter**

**Teacher: Mrs Thornton and Mrs Harlow**

**Support staff: Mr Little-Moore**

Welcome to Year 5 and 5TH!

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready and raring to go for the new academic year. As we start a new school year, we feel that it is important to inform you of the expectations and the curriculum content. We look forward to the year ahead and all the exciting and memorable experiences we have planned. We would like to thank you for your support in advance.

### **READING:**

Your child will bring home an Accelerated Reader book based on their reading age and a reading for pleasure book of their choice. Every child has a weekly reading log in their planner. It is expected that the children will read **at least three** times each week and that their planner will be signed by an adult at home. The reading homework is monitored on a weekly basis and a class record is kept at the beginning of each week. For those children who read 3 times each week, they will receive one raffle ticket. For those children who read more than 3 times each week, they will receive two raffle tickets. These raffle tickets will be collected over the half term and a winner drawn at random will be invited for a reading celebration with juice and biscuits.

### **SPELLINGS:**

Your child will receive weekly spellings in their planner that will be discussed in class then tested on a Friday fortnightly. There will so be a spelling review at the end of each half term.

Your child will be given a Word of the Week and Number of the Week to complete. These will be recorded in their planners.

### **MATHS:**

Weekly maths activities will be set online, further information will be sent regarding this. This will either consolidate work being covered in class, pre-teaching a topic or involve practising a key skill. We ask that your child completes TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars) for a minimum of 20 minutes per week (over numerous days in short bursts) to become confident in quick multiplication and division recall.

## HOMEWORK:

Weekly homework will be set on a Thursday morning to be completed and returned by the following Thursday morning.

## TOPIC:

An overview and a suggested list of activities (covering a range of curriculum subjects) will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. It is expected that your child will complete 1 task in a half term topic, ready to showcase at our presentation afternoon.

## PE DAYS:

Your child's PE lesson will take place on a **Tuesday afternoon (outdoor) and our indoor slot will be swimming at Sun Lane on a Thursday morning**. They must have their kits in order to participate (this includes long hair to be tied back and relevant footwear as school shoes cannot be worn for safety reasons.)

PE kit consists of: black shorts and a purple or white t-shirt. Trainers/pumps, plain black joggers or leggings and a plain black tracksuit top or sweatshirt are required for outdoor PE.

## SWIMMING:

- Girls: full swimming costume, hair tied back, goggles and a towel.
- Boys: swimming bottoms that are not loose fitting, goggles and a towel.  
(As previously stated in the letter before the summer holidays.)

## UNIFORM:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan, with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt, trousers or school shorts
- Grey socks or tights



Only plain black shoes are allowed to be worn with the uniform.

The summer uniform consists of purple dress or grey shorts, white socks, and black shoes, and may be worn after the Easter holidays until October half term.

Nail polish is not allowed. No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch. Smart watches are not allowed in the school if they can receive/send texts or photos.

**PRAISING STARS:** Praising Stars is a half term report on your child's progress at the Academy. Please see the information sheet for further details.

**INTEREST CLUBS:**

A proposed yearly overview will be sent out at the beginning of the academic year. Please be aware that clubs, days, and/or staff may change or not be able to take place due to given circumstances. There also may be more clubs added throughout the year. Google forms will be emailed out to parents/carers to sign up their child/children for an interest club. The Google form creates a document which shows responses in time order. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, in the first instance. We will keep a log of all children attending after school clubs to try and ensure that places are offered to as many children as possible. Parents/carers will receive a text to confirm that their child has a place.

**TWITTER:**

A separate letter will be sent at the beginning of the academic year with full details for the whole school and individual class Twitter accounts.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day and their clothing is clearly labelled.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me after school or make an appointment to see me via our reception team.

Kind Regards

Mrs Thornton, Mrs Harlow and Mr Littler-Moore