

## Welcome to Year 5

We are so excited to be starting the new school year. We hope all the children have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to starting in Year 5. Jillian will be teaching in Year 5 and will be supported by Lindsay throughout the week. For our first topic we will be learning about Earth and Space. If you have any questions or queries, feel free to make an appointment with the office to speak with one of the Year 5 team.

Children all have a planner which they need in school every day. This should be used for recording when you listen to your child read, any messages you need to let us know about and it will contain the children's spelling lists that they will receive on a Friday ready for their test the following Thursday.

We will be making sure the children know it is their job (not grown-ups!) to bring them to school and take them home every day to encourage independence.

Children do their homework online using a website: <http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>.

Children will have set tasks to complete.

Children who do not have computers at home will be given time in school to use them. We will regularly set the tasks for children to complete, if there are no tasks set, children can still complete games to earn points to enter our school's leader board!

### Reading

Reading is so important and is one of the main ways to make children better writers. We ask that you listen to your child read as much as possible but also feel free to enjoy a book together and share the reading. If you need any tips or advice let us know!

In class, we will be reading Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

### Things they need...

Children will have PE twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday. As we do lots of activities in other subjects that often require children to be able to move around we ask that children bring their PE kits in on Monday and leave them in school until the weekend.

Children should have a water bottle in the classroom every day. They should take these home every night to be washed out properly.

### Independence

As children are now moving up through school, we try to encourage independence as much as possible. We remind children daily of things that are coming up i.e. non-uniform days, special events in the hope they will be able to pass these messages on. Developing wider life skills is an important part of life in Year 5.

### Swimming

Children will be swimming later in the year and more information will follow to prepare you for this.