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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome you all to Year 5 and we look forward to making your child's learning fun and enjoyable! Over the course of this year, we aim to provide you with support to help your child.

The Year 5 Team

J5: Miss Thomas (Class Teachers) and Mrs Huson (Support Staff)

J6: Miss Coggan (Class Teacher), Miss Johnson (Support Staff) and Mrs Harrison (Support Staff)

Miss Kendrick will be a Senior Teacher in Year 5, overseeing the running of the entire year group and will also be teaching two groups for maths.

Autumn Topic

This term, our topic is Terrible Tudors and Slimy Stuarts! We are planning to kick-start this topic with a Tudor day on **Thursday 10th September**. We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children and would greatly appreciate if you could find an appropriate Tudor costume for your child, children without a costume must wear school uniform. We have also planned for the children to further their knowledge about everything Tudor and Stuart related by visiting Ford Green Hall in October, please see separate trip letter for further details.

Teaching Groups

In order to ensure that your children receive the very best education, we have decided to split Year 5 into three groups to teach English and Maths. Children will be streamed from across the entire year group, and will be taught by a mixture of our teachers, dependent upon the ability of each child.

Simon Group- Miss Kendrick (Maths) and Miss Coggan (English)

Alvin Group- Miss Thomas (Maths and English)

Theodore Group- Miss Kendrick (Maths) and Miss Coggan (English)

Planner and Reading Book

Children are asked to bring their reading book/s and planner into school **every day**. Your child will bring home a new reading book most weeks (depending on the length of the book). Planners need to be signed on a weekly basis (for Tuesday mornings) to indicate that you have seen your child's planner the previous week. On top of this, it is an expectation that you will listen to your child read **at least** three times a week. Please note, your child will not be able to change their reading book unless their planner shows that they have read at least three times, a comment has been made and the planner has been signed. Please note that the format of the planners has changed, reading comments are no longer made on the weekly pages. Instead, there is a separate reading record, please see the attached sheet for guidance regarding how to complete this.





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Homework

In line with our homework expectations for Upper Key Stage 2, your child will receive three sets of homework every week; spellings, times tables and reading. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to complete all of their homework tasks, every week. On occasions, the children may also receive additional homework for topic, science etc.

Uniform and PE Kits

We seem to be developing a growing amount of lost property in school, **please** can you ensure that all of your child's uniform has their name **clearly** written inside using a permanent pen or a name tag. Year 5 will be having two PE slots during the week, please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school everyday and that it is clearly marked with the child's name. In addition, on PE lesson days long hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Year 5 will be taken for weekly swimming sessions in the Spring Term further information on this will be provided closer to the time.

Forest Schools

Please note that Year 5 will begin their Forest Schools and Allotment enrichment lessons from Monday 14th September, continuing until October half term. They will therefore need to wear sensible (old) clothing as we will be outside whatever the weather, for example; a waterproof coat, trainers/wellies, old trousers, gloves, hat and tops etc and even a change of clothes as they may get wet and dirty. Children will not be able to wear their PE kits for this. Unfortunately, if children do not have suitable clothing in school, they will **not** be able to take part in these enrichment activities.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Year 5 team.

Thank you for your support,

The Year 5 Team.





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