

Welcome to Year 5

The children have settled in well to their new year groups. The following information is designed to help you understand what happens in Year 6 and how to support your child.

Timings Year 5 should arrive in school at **8:45am**. Please try to arrive on time to avoid clashing with other year groups' start times. The Year 5 children should be **collected at 3:00pm**. Again, please try not to arrive late to collect your child as the Year 4 children will be coming out at 3.10pm and too many parents can cause crowding on the playground, making social distancing difficult.

Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 5 are as follows:

Pumas: Mr Dowse

Leopards: Mr Wilson

Jaguars: Miss Pinney

Mrs Whitehouse provides cover for the Year 5 teachers.

Mrs Phillips is the Year 5/6 Phase Leader.

Teaching assistants:

Miss Whitmarsh, Mrs Rumble, Mrs Foley.

Topics in Year 5:

Autumn term: - The Ancient Greeks



Spring Term: Rainforests



Summer Term - Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

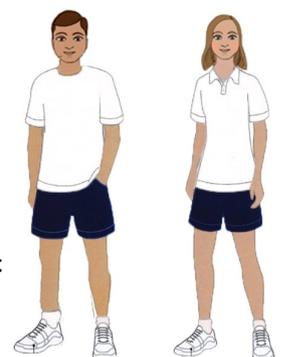


PE/Outdoor Games

Outdoor PE is on a Tuesday afternoon. **Children need to come into school every Tuesday in weather-appropriate PE kit, including trainers.** We will go out in most weathers. Children need to be warm enough over the winter and cool in the summer. Therefore, dark tracksuit bottoms (preferably black) plain white t-shirts and plain dark jumpers/tracksuit tops are required in the winter, while plain dark shorts and white t-shirts are needed in the warmer months.

We are currently unable to complete indoor PE due to the current situation. If we are able to start this again later in the year, our indoor PE day is Thursday.

Please ensure your child is wearing correct kit on PE days. **All earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure they can either remove them or provide micro-pore tape for them to be covered** (this can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.) If possible, it would be appreciated if children could leave earrings at home on PE days.



Swimming:



In Year 5, every child should attend swimming lessons at Shirley Pool. These usually take place on a Friday afternoon and each child is taught for 10 consecutive weeks. We are currently looking into whether these sessions are possible with the current restrictions. We will inform you asap if and when your child's sessions are coming up.

Homework:



All children in Year 5 are expected to read **at least 3 times a week**. Unfortunately, we can't send reading diaries home at this point but the children will be encouraged to record their home reading the next day in class. Please continue to read regularly with your child. In Year 5, it is still really important that the children are reading aloud to an adult and particularly, discussing vocabulary meanings.

Children also need to learn their times tables and weekly spelling lists.

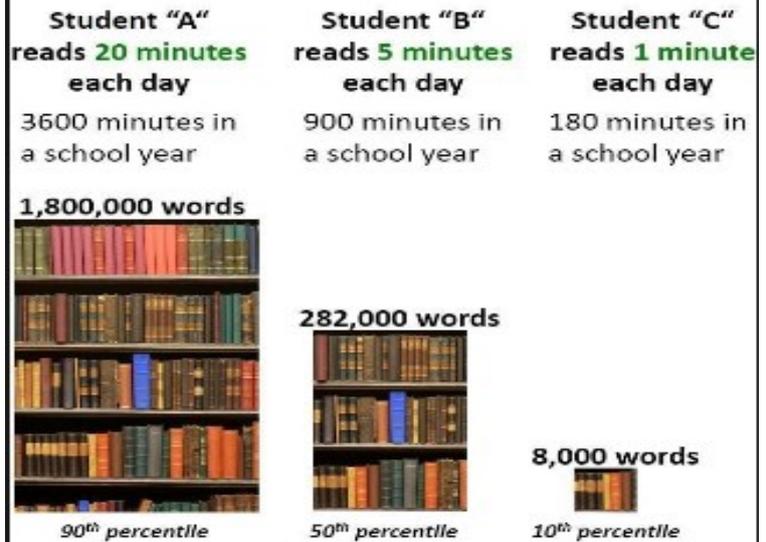
Sometimes, longer projects are set instead and when this happens, the due date and details will be sent out.

Reading books:



The children will bring books home to read. When finished these should be returned to school. Books which have been home will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before another child can choose the book.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

Trips & Themed Days

With the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to book any trips or visitors at this time. We will continue to review this situation as the year progresses.

If we are able to, Year 5 will visit the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium as part of their science curriculum in the summer term. More information will follow nearer the time if this goes ahead.

A local trip to St James Church will hopefully take place at Easter which ties in with our RE curriculum. More details to follow.

In Autumn 2, children will have the chance to dress up and experience life as an Ancient Greek on our Greek day!



TBPS Friends

Our school friends committee is looking for more volunteers to help them organise and run fundraising events. If you are able to help, please contact the office who will advise you of the time and date of the next meeting.

Any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, we are always available on the Year 5 door at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can send in a note to for us to read.