Welcome to Year 5

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, as teachers, support staff, children and parents get to know one another and we build on the knowledge and interests that have developed in the previous years. Of course, the start of something new can be a nervous time for some children and I want to assure you that, along with the rest of the Year 5 team, we are always willing to meet with you, should you feel the need, for any reason, to speak to us. Do let us know and we can arrange a meeting at the earliest and most convenient time.

As well as planning the year ahead, working alongside Mrs. Cullen in Drakes, the children in Doves will also be taught by Mrs. Greer and Mrs. Sharkey, for some areas of the curriculum.

Over the course of the year, you will have many opportunities to visit the school (and classroom) to have a look at the exciting learning that is taking place, including this term on Wednesday 19th September, when we have our Open Evening and Governors’ Presentation evening, the PTA Social Event on 21st September, as well as at Parent’s Consultation Evenings, toward the end of this half term, where we will discuss successes, progress and targets.

Finally, I also wish to draw your attention to an exciting event that will take place in the Spring Term. Year 5 has been given the opportunity to take part in the Merton Music Festival, at the Royal Albert Hall. The event - titled “Thames Tales” - will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2019, but we will have a string of rehearsals and on-going practice over the coming months. Further information will be forwarded to you, as soon as we have it.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the above events.

Mr. Woolton, on behalf of the Year 5 team

The topics studied this term are as follows: (a full curriculum map is available on the Year 5 page of the school website.)

**English:** Greek myths and legends;
Poetic styles (word-play, rhyme, metaphor, word choice);
Dramatic Conventions (linked to Enabling Enterprise)

**Mathematics:** Number and Place Value; Addition and Subtraction; Statistics; Multiplication and Division; Perimeter and Area. Each topic is taught through practicing skills, problem solving and investigations.

**Science:** Properties and Changes of Materials

**Computing:** We will be linking computing and information technology across the curriculum, which will include: e-safety; research; presentations; video and audio recording and editing

**History:** The Ancient Greeks

**Art/DT:** Linked to Ancient Greeks, including designing and making pots

**Music:** Don’t Stop Believin’ (vocal and musical accompaniment); Rap; Songs for the Year 5 Christmas Concert

**PSHE:** Rights Respecting Schools; Class Charter; Anti-Bullying; Managing Conflict

**RE:** Christian Denominations; The Christian way of life

**French:** Towns; Food

**PE:** Wednesday – Young Sports Leaders; Invasion games (Football) Thursday – Invasion games (Netball); Gymnastics

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**Additional adults in Doves**

Mrs. Greer: Tuesday (am), Wed (all day)
Mrs. Sharkey: French – Tuesday (am)
Mrs. Miller and Ms. Lambert
Homework:

**Reading:** The children should read on a daily basis, for at least 10 minutes and their home/school diaries signed by you, to show that they have done so.

**Spellings:** These will be given out on a weekly basis (Monday) and tested in school. The words chosen will come from a range of sources including children’s own writing, spelling patterns and topic based vocabulary.

**Maths homework:** This will be given out on a Monday, to be returned on Thursdays.

**English homework:** This will be given out on Thursday, to be returned the following Monday.

As a guide, the children should aim to take between 30 – 45 minutes to complete homework tasks. If it is taking longer than this to do, please let me know. It might be that the work is too challenging. If you have to give a lot of additional support, then it is also helpful if you make a note of the support on the homework, so that it can be picked up with the children in school time.

**Half -Term Project:** The Autumn project will focus on aspects of The Ancient Greeks. It can be presented in any form, so long as it shows children have undertaken research and considered their audience. We will discuss this further in class.

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Dates for the term: Further dates and details will follow in the Friday Flyer and on the school website.

- **12th September** – Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 and 6 parents (7:00pm – 8:00pm)
- **w/c 17th September** – School Council / RRS elections
- **19th September** – Class Open Evening and Governors’ Presentation (from 7:00pm).
- **21st September** – PTA Social Event (6:00 – 8:00pm)
- **4th October** – “Thames Tales” introductory workshop (1:45pm – 3:15pm)
- **4th / 5th October** – Individual/Siblings photos taken
- **8th October** – Enabling Enterprise Week
- **11th October** – SSP Meetings (from 3:45pm)
- **16th October** – Parent’s Consultation (3:45pm – 7:00pm)
- **18th October** – Parent’s Consultation (2:00pm – 7:00pm)
- **19th October** – Last day of Autumn Term (1)
- **29th October** – INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
- **30th October** – Autumn Term (2) starts
- **w/c 12th November** – Anti-Bullying Week
- **13th November** – “Thames Tales” rehearsal (St. Mary’s)
- **30th November** – Mufti Day for Christmas Shopping Day
- **2nd December** – PTA Christmas Fair (from 12:00pm)
- **12th December** – Fire Safety (London Fire Brigade)
- **13th / 14th December** – PTA Christmas Shopping Days
- **19th December** – Year 5 Christmas Concert (7:00pm)
- **21st December** – Last day of term (finish at 2:00pm)
- **7th January** – Spring Term (1) starts

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Further Information: - Your support in these areas is valued and appreciated

**Home School Diaries:**
The children have been given a Home-School Diary. This is where dates and further information will be recorded by them. It is also a method by which you can pass on information to me, or I to you. Please check the diary weekly and sign it.

**Walking Home:**
In Year 5, with parental permission, children are allowed to go home by themselves. You will need to complete a permission slip, available from the school office.

**Mobile Phones:**
If you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school, then you and they must complete a permission slip, available from the school office. These are switched off during the day and locked away in the school office.

**Snacks and Refreshment:**
Children may bring a piece of fruit as a snack for break time. They may also have a bottle of water (not juice) for the classroom. Please do not send it in frozen.

**Uniform:**
In Year 5, the expectation is that children wear a white shirt (not polo-shirt), and be able to do up and wear a standard tie (not wear elasticated ones), unless dresses are chosen to be worn. Children should wear black, flat shoes, not trainers or boots. In PE, children must wear a house-coloured t-shirt and blue shorts/skirts. Children must not wear any jewellery (apart from watches) and if earrings are worn, they must be studs only.

**Medical Information:**
If your child needs to take medicine during the day, or needs to have medication available in emergencies, then you should complete a medicine form, available from the school office.

In normal circumstances, children are discouraged from leaving the classroom to go to the toilet, apart from at break and lunch times. If you feel there is a medical reason why they should, please send in a note to let us know.