

Year 5 Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday, In true Buttsbury form, the children have made an excellent start to the year and are settling in very well. As with every year, there are many new things to get used to and this letter outlines some relevant information which we hope you will find useful.

Year 5 team:

- Class 5M - Miss Miller, supported by Mrs Walker
- Class 5R - Miss Roe supported by Miss Rose (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Prudom (Thursday and Friday)
- Class 5T - Mr Tweedie, supported by Mrs Hennessey
- Class 5UF - Miss Francis (Monday - Wednesday) and Miss Unite (Thursday and Friday), supported by Mrs Nunney

Reading:

Early in the Autumn Term, we will assess each child's reading to ensure that they are selecting books of an appropriate level to help them make good progress. Each class has a fiction library for the children to choose a reading book, as well as the school library which has a wider range of non-fiction material. A key focus of reading in Year 5 is the further development of comprehension skills and familiarisation with a wide range of text types. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to read a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction. As your child progresses, it is important that they continue to read aloud to an adult as often as possible as this will help with their comprehension and will also ensure that they fully understand what they are reading. Therefore, we ask that the children read aloud at least 3-4 times a week to an adult and for it to be recorded in their homework diaries. The children's diaries will be collected in every Monday to monitor this and the number of times your child has read will be celebrated on our classroom reading chart.

Spellings:

Each child will be given a half term spelling list (which can also be found on the school website). The spelling words will be differentiated and your child will be told which challenge is appropriate for them. The children will have two spelling lessons a week, which are linked to a specific spelling rule or focus, as well as two handwriting lessons. Please can you try to help your child learn the rule in addition to the words that they receive. A spelling test will take place on Friday and your child's score will be written into their homework diary so it is essential that they have it in school.

Maths:

In Year 5, the children are taught in 4 sets which are reviewed regularly throughout the year to ensure that the children are appropriately challenged and supported. In Year 5, the maths sets are as follows:

- Set 1 - Miss Miller
- Set 2 - Mr Tweedie
- Set 3a - Miss Francis/Miss Unite
- Set 3b - Miss Roe

Please note that Set 3a and Set 3b are parallel sets.

Games/PE:

All PE kit needs to be in school at the start of the week and all items should be labelled clearly with your child's name. As the weather becomes colder your child will require a tracksuit in order to keep them warm when we go outside. Year 5 PE takes place on Wednesday afternoons and will be taken by qualified sports coaches. The children will have an additional PE or Games lesson on Tuesday (5R, 5T and 5UF) with their class teacher or Friday (5M) with a qualified coach. Please note that the children will be required to wear plimsolls for indoor PE (with the exception of gymnastics) and trainers for outdoor Games. It is useful for the children to keep their full PE kit at school throughout term time in case there are timetable changes due to weather or other events.

All children in Year 5 have a further opportunity to undertake swimming lessons as part of their PE this year. Classes 5M and 5R will start swimming on Wednesday 8th September and continue until 17th November. Classes 5T and 5UF will start swimming on Wednesday 24th November and continue until 9th February.

Music:

Year 5 music takes place on a Wednesday afternoon and the children will be learning to play the recorder. Your child will therefore need to have his/her own recorder, which should be named and kept in their tray at school.

Homework:

Homework is linked to the learning that is taking place at school and is a good form of revision to consolidate the week's work. In addition to reading and spelling, the children will be set two pieces of homework, one for Maths and one for Literacy or topic work. The Literacy/ topic work schedule is outlined below:

- Week 1 - Comprehension
- Week 2 - Theme based task
- Week 3 - Comprehension
- Week 4 - Theme based writing task
- Week 5 - Comprehension
- Penultimate week (week 5 or 6) - Creative task

Homework will be set on a Thursday and is due in by the following Tuesday.

If your child is struggling to complete a task in the allocated time please make a note in their homework book or speak to their class teacher. The children have all been given a homework diary in order to record their homework or important notes; it is important that diaries are signed by an adult each week as they will be checked every Monday.

Forthcoming trips and events:

- Wednesday 8th September - 5M and 5R Swimming Lessons Start
- Tuesday 21st Sept - 5M and 5R Sandford Mill trip
- Thursday 23rd Sept - 5T and 5UF Sandford Mill trip
- Week commencing Monday 11th Oct - Y5 Test Week
- Week commencing Monday 18th Oct - 'Well Being' Week
- Tuesday 2nd/Thursday 4th Nov - Parents' Evening
- Monday 15th Nov - Maths Drop ins
- Monday 22nd Nov - Science Dome visiting school
- Thursday 2nd Dec - Shelterbox visiting school
- Friday 3rd Dec - Whole School Panto visit to The Towngate Theatre
- Tuesday 7th Dec - Year 5 Christmas Performance at 1.45pm
- Wednesday 8th Dec - Year 5 Christmas Performance at 7pm

Please note that some of the events, e.g. Christmas performance and the Panto visit are subject to change based on government guidelines at that time.

Regular communication will be sent home via Parentmail so please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If any changes are made then contact the school office.

We are looking forward to a very busy and eventful term. If you have any concerns and wish to discuss them with your child's class teacher or myself please do not hesitate in making an appointment via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Miller
Year 5 Leader