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Dear Parent / Carer / Guardians,

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday. As ever, the half term ahead is a very busy and important time for the children in Year 5 and throughout the school and we ask for your continued ongoing support.

Curriculum

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Multiplication and Division Length and Perimeter
English	Narrative Classic story Myths and Legends Non narrative Biography Comparative Report Persuasive Writing
Science	Light Light and sight Light travels Journey of light and the process of sight
History	Local History Study – Yorkshire Mining Industry
Geography	None this half term
Music	Charanga – does music make the world a better place?
Computing	Programming
Art	Combine visual and tactile qualities
DT	Mechanism (Battery vehicles) – How fast can your vehicle go?
PSHE	Keeping myself safe Identifying bullying and how to deal with it. Understanding drugs and medicine
MFL	I like + to visit + country
RE	Should we forgive others?
PE	Dance Invasion net and wall games



Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates already in place for Year 5, please ensure to keep a record of these.

Visit from Punjabi Roots	11.1.23
PTFA funded Pantomime	25.1.23
Yorkshire Mining Museum	27.1.23
Online bullying workshop with PC Geoff	30.1.23
Dogs Trust workshop	31.1.23
Whole school number day	3.2.23
Break the rules day	10.2.23

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and the children will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day. The school doors open at 08:45am so the children can settle down to their independent morning work. Children should be in school at this time.

Mobile Phones

We understand that some pupils have mobile phones and that they use these as they walk to and from school on their own. We must stress that mobile phones should be turned off once your child has entered the school grounds. Mobile phones should then be given to a member of staff so that they can be securely put away during the school day and returned at the end of the day.

Homework

Homework will typically be set on a Friday, to be returned, completed, by the following Wednesday for marking. The homework provided is given to support and consolidate pupils' learning from that week or a previous week. There will also be a termly project linked to topic work.

Spellings

Spellings will be handed out to pupils on a Tuesday and tested the following Monday.

Home Reading

In Year 5, children are given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we expect them to be independent enough to identify when they need to do this.

It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read **at least** three times a week at home – this should be recorded in their home reading record. Every time your child reads and records this in their reading diary, they will receive a sticker for their challenge card. We understand that parents/carers live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial. If your child has a book 'on the go' at home, they are welcome to bring it to school to read during independent reading time.

If your child has not had a chance to read at home during the week, they will attend a lunchtime reading club to give them that opportunity.

PE

Indoor PE: this takes place on a **Monday** afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are also permitted) and black pumps.

Outdoor PE: this takes place on a **Wednesday** afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers.

Our Sports Coach, will lead both PE sessions.

PE kits should be brought into school in a named pump bag that can be left in the cloakroom.

Water Bottles



To enable your child to have a drink of water, we would encourage a named water bottle be brought into school. Try to ensure your child's bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Children can wear trainers at play times and lunch times but these must be changed back to school shoes ready for returning to lessons. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt and children in Key Stage 2 should have a school cardigan or V-necked school jumper. Jewellery must not be worn apart from stud earrings unless for religious purposes. Children may wear a watch but it **must not** be able to send or receive messages or record e.g., a Smart watch.

As we share a small cloakroom, your child should not bring any other bags apart from their pump bag and book bag.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of us at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Saunders (Teaching Staff)

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Ross (Teaching Assistants)

