

**September 2021**

**Welcome to Year 5**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year and Year 5! I hope your family has had a good summer and your child is looking forward to this academic year.

Every term, you will receive a class newsletter that contains information about the curriculum what your child is learning about. If you feel that you are able to contribute to any of our topics please come and speak to me. The school website, including the Year 5 page, is a useful resource for gaining up to date information on what is happening in school and class. Please take a look (www.grappenhallheys.co.uk.)

**Year 5’s timetable:**

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|  | 9.00 – 9.30 | 9.30 – 10.30 | 10.45 – 11.45 | 11.45 – 12.15 | 1.00 – 2.05 | 2.15 – 3.15 |
| Monday | Reading | ReadingMaths | MathsEnglish | English | Topic/Science |
| Tuesday | Reading | Maths | English | SPaG | Topic/Science |
| Wednesday | Reading | English | Maths | SPaG | PE | Computing |
| Thursday | Reading | Maths | English | X tables | PSHE/Music | RE |
| Friday | Mental Maths | Maths | English | SPaG | PSHE/French | Assembly |

**Information you may find helpful:**



**READING**

Most days your child will take part in a structured reading session. There will be a variety of teacher led and independent reading tasks to promote reading skills. Your child will bring home a home reader book from our Accelerated Reader scheme, it is important that your child is heard read at home and that you complete your child’s home/school planner. Regular reading practise at home is important for a number of reasons and really puts your child at an advantage in the classroom. Reading planners will be checked each week and rewards given for the expected number of reads in a week. To support our daily guided reading session your child will need their home reader book and planner in school every day. In addition, Year 5 will have a Pacer/library book (parents and children enjoying reading) book that is selected from our school library and should be read to encourage reading for enjoyment, this can be changed as and when needed.



**MATHS HOMEWORK**

Maths homework will be given on a Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Maths homework will alternate each week between TT Rockstars (login details in planner) and a Maths homework book written task or alternative online task. In addition to this your child will continue to learn their times tables and each week your child will be tested in school, there will be no set day as one of the achievement focusses is retention and rapid recall of these number facts.

**SPELLING**

Spelling Homework will be given weekly and set on Spelling Frame. The spelling pattern set will support the teaching of spelling in school. The more your child practices their spelling rule, the more confident and capable they will be in their independent writing and the more points they score. New spellings will be set every Monday.

**ENGLISH HOMEWORK**

The same format of English Homework will continue in Year 5. Each term your child will complete a comprehension, writing and spelling, grammar and punctuation task. The homework will be set on a Monday and will be due in 9 days later, on a Wednesday.

For an overview of dates for all homework for this academic year please see the Year 5 webpage or the paper copy sent home. Please ensure that deadlines are met so that this cycle of homework can be kept to.

Key dates for Autumn 2021 are available on the school website and some key dates on the Year 5 Newsletter, which a paper copy will be sent home as well as an electronic copy on the class webpage.

If there are any messages you wish to pass onto me, for example who your child is being picked up by or requesting a meeting, please send a short note in their school planner in the morning. This system provides an excellent way to communicate with me during the busy morning rush and also facilitates a prompt start to our day. I look forward to meeting you at our reverse parents evening at the beginning of our Autumn term.

We have an exciting, challenging and rewarding year ahead. I look forward to this year with all it has to offer!

Best wishes,

Mrs Newman