

### How can I support my child with reading and writing?

There are lots of strategies that families can use to support their child in making progress in reading and writing:

- **Daily reading** (to themselves or to an adult) and discussing the book. All reading is good reading!
- Writing comments in reading records (praising reading) and asking your child to do the same. Please sign any comments your child has made when reading at home, or if you prefer, comment yourself. All children should aspire to reach 6 home reading sessions a week as a minimum. If reading more than once in a day (which is great!) please put both comments in the same box- there should be one page per week.
- Looking at unknown words. Do they know what the words mean? Can they use them in a sentence? Can they find other words in the same pattern?
- Writing stories, letters and postcards.

### How can I support my child with maths?

There are lots of strategies that families can use to support their child in making progress in maths:

- Use **Mathletics daily** to complete homework and to compete against other children. Can they reach 1000 points and earn a certificate?
- **Practise times tables** (by now every child should know by heart every fact up to  $12 \times 12$ )
- Calculate change, pay for items and save- all good experiences for handling money and for basic mental working out.
- **Practise telling the time** on a digital and analogue clock. Start by looking at the minute hand and counting in 5s and the add in the hour hand to 'put together' the time.
- Homework will regularly involve maths.

### Mathletics

([www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)) This fantastic internet based resource allows your child to practise a wide range of maths skills in their own time. Your child's teacher will set asks and when this task is completed, they will have access to an area where they can compete against children across the world! Every question answered on Mathletics earns points and there are a variety of reward schemes in the different classes as in incentive for working those maths brains! 1000 points earns a certificate. Teachers can provide replacement passwords should yours be mislaid.

### Homework

Homework will be set each Wednesday and needs to be returned by the following Tuesday. Dojo points will be awarded based on effort up to a maximum of 3 points, with all homework handed in on time being awarded points. Homework will take a variety of forms, with a balance of creative activities as well as reading, writing and maths.

When homework is completed, it impacts on progress in the classroom and for this reason, as preparing children for a much bigger workload at secondary school, we encourage all children in year 5 to complete their weekly homework task to the best of their ability.

### Uniform

Children need to ensure they are wearing the correct school uniform. Jumpers and cardigans should be red. School shoes must be worn at all times apart from PE lessons. **A reminder please that school shoes are black without logos or coloured soles. Trainers can only be worn for outdoor PE and are not work at lunch or break time.**

Additionally, a reminder that red shorts and the correct coloured t-shirt are required for PE lessons. Tracksuit bottoms and a jacket can be worn outside in colder weather. PE kit should be in school all week.

### Intervention Groups

During year 5, many children will be supported in an intervention group at some point whether it is for maths or English. This will be to support your child reaching a target level at the end of the year. If you have any questions or queries about a group, please contact your the class teacher.

### Advanced Notice of Costs

Over the year certain trips and events happen, where we ask for you to contribute towards the cost. To help in budgeting for such things, there is a list here of events and their approximate cost (dates and costs may vary a little):

February 2nd: Dunfield House Final Payment for those attending- balance of £117 taking total payment to £152

### Swimming

This term, all children in Year 5 will take part in swimming lessons. This is an integral part of the national curriculum and it is important that all children participate other than exceptional circumstances. Swimming will be on Friday afternoon each week and payments are made via Parent Pay.

Parents are welcome to watch swimming lessons from the café at North Solihull Sports Centre if they wish but parents are not allowed in the changing room or pool side other than volunteers who have already been confirmed on the school volunteer list.

### Who to contact

You are welcome to speak to any member of school staff if you have a question or query and will often want to speak to your child's class teacher. You are also very welcome to contact me as year leader, either directly or through email. All teachers' email addresses are on the reverse of this newsletter. We look forward to continuing to work with you this term.

**Who's who in Year 5?**

**Mr Bird- Year Leader/ 5B**

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**Miss Beaumont- 5BM**

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**Miss Greenwood- cover / groups teacher**

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**Mrs Evans- cover/ groups teacher**

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**The School Day**

Consists of 5 sessions.

**Lesson 1** 8.50-9.50

**Assembly**

**Lesson 2** 10.10—11.15

**Break**

**Lesson 3** 11.30—12.30

**Lunch**

**Lesson 4/5** 1.30—3.30



## Year 5 Curriculum

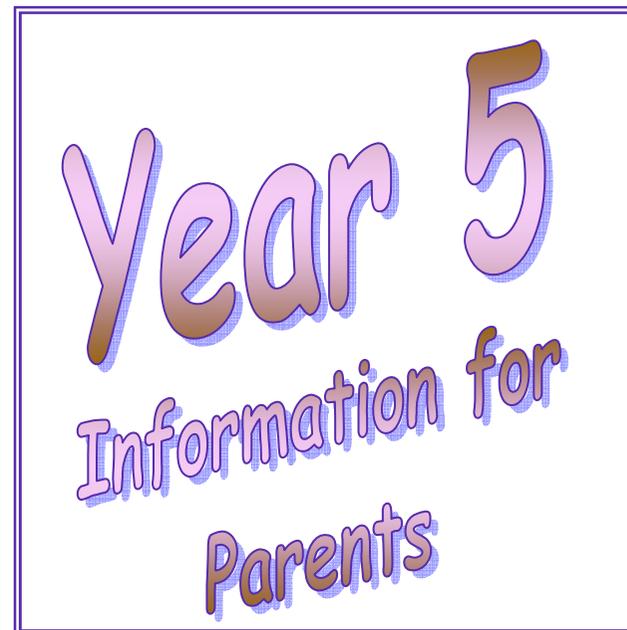
Children will experience three topics through the year, which will encompass most areas of the curriculum. Where it has not been possible to make links to the topic, subjects will be taught discretely.

### Spring Term Topic - Blast Off! (Space)

<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b>  <b>Book studies:</b></p> <p>Street Child- Berlie Doherty</p> <p>The Secret Garden- Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>	<p><b><u>Maths</u></b>  Fractions, Decimals and Percentages  Roman Numerals  3D Shape  Factors and Multiples</p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b>  Space  Forces</p>
<p><b><u>Computing</u></b>  Wikis</p>	<p><b><u>History</u></b>  The Space Race</p>	<p><b><u>RE</u></b>  Battling with Yourself</p>

### USEFUL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT LEARNING:

- [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)
- [www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)
- [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)
- [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com) (check how your child is doing)



### WELCOME

Year 5 is a crucial year where we aim to support all pupils in being ready for secondary school.

They all made a fantastic start in the Autumn Term and we look forward to their continued successes in the Spring term.

We look forward to working with them and their families throughout the rest of the year.

Year 5 Teachers