

## Class ethos

In Year 5 we aim to provide a positive learning environment where all children feel valued and are happy and eager to learn. We use teamwork to help the children build relationships, recognise each other's strengths and value differences. Throughout the year, your children will have plenty of opportunity to work in a variety of independent and group settings, to build a foundation for their future.

## Rewards

Our reward systems include 'Going for Green', 'Smiley tokens', and 'Table Points'. 'Going for Green' is a visual display in class to remind and encourage children to show good behaviour, listening and attitude to work. Smiley tokens are awarded for outstanding work and behaviour each day and are collected by the children who work towards achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold school awards. Table Points reward excellent teamwork: each week the best team gets to keep the Table of the Week trophy on their desks along with the class mascot.

## PE

Currently, Year 5 are completing their four week intensive swimming course. This is a fantastic opportunity for all children to either learn to swim or build on the skills they already have. Children must ensure they bring their swimming costumes and a clean towel to school every day and take them home to be washed on a daily basis.

Once the course is complete a regular PE timetable will be put in place which will consist of two sessions a week, one indoor lesson and one outdoor. The children will have the opportunity to learn a range of Games, Dance and Gymnastics throughout the year. Although regular days will be assigned to these lessons, it is important that your child has their PE kit in school every day in case anything changes or extra PE opportunities arise. If your child wears earrings, please make sure they are removed on PE days. Also, ensure long hair is be tied back in a bobble.

## Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday each week and returned on Thursday or Friday the following week. This then gives the children the additional chance to hand in homework on Friday should they forget on Thursday.

Homework will consist of:

- Look, cover, write, check' spelling sheet to be completed each night throughout the week along with a sentence using a spelling word of their choice. This will help to consolidate the children's learning of their weekly spellings which is completed at the start of every day. Spellings are to be learned by heart for the test which is carried out every Friday.
- Reading
- Reading Record Books go home every evening. They must be dated, signed, marked with the last page read and returned to school the next morning. Children who have read 4 out of 5 nights per week receive a treat at the end of the week. Regular reading practice benefits all children, therefore just 5 minutes of reading each night can make a difference!



# Fairfield Primary School

## Parent information for Year 5

The staff working in your child's classroom this year are:

Miss Caine (Teacher)

Mrs Heyes & Mrs Jackson (HLTA)

**Subject information**

<p><b>Topic</b></p>	<p>Topic brings together all subjects in a way which is meaningful to the children, and allows them to study a theme in depth whilst applying skills learned in each subject.          We have started the year with a World War 1 topic, in commemoration of the centenary. This has included learning about the causes of the war, life on the home front and frontline and through studying a text set during the World War One.          The next Autumn Term topic shall be <b>A Kingdom United</b>. This topic will be taught through geography, history, music, science and PE.          Topics for the rest of the year :  <b>Autumn 2 – Food, Glorious Food!</b>  <b>Spring 1 – Earthlings</b>  <b>Spring 2 – Inventors and Inventions</b>  <b>Summer 1 – Amazon Adventure</b>  <b>Summer 2 – Faster, Higher, Stronger</b></p>
<p><b>English</b></p>	<p>Each week, children will develop their reading and writing, comprehension, grammar, and talking and listening skills through a variety of literary based activities.          During Autumn Term, children will achieve this through exploring WW1 letter writing, persuasive texts and legends.          Each week, children do a <b>Fairfield Free Write</b>. This is an independent piece of work, lasting 30 or 60minutes, usually linked to their literacy or topic learning that week. Children have writing targets, which are personal to them. Our aim is to help your child understand what they need to do to improve, whilst getting them used to writing for sustained periods of time.          Grammar and spelling will be taught through daily warm ups, and applied through the week.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p>Each day, children have a 50minute lesson to develop core skills of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Children will be encouraged to apply their learning in real life settings or problems.          The Year 5 times tables target is to learn by heart all tables up to 12x12. Children will have two focused times table sessions each week and are encouraged to practise them regularly at home.          Children will also develop mental calculation strategies, counting and reasoning skills through shorter sessions each week.</p>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5.

Your children have a very busy and exciting year ahead in Upper Key Stage 2. Our learning goal is to make sure each child works to their potential and is challenged at a level appropriate to them in order to achieve their expected progress. Children will be encouraged to work with a positive and thorough attitude towards their work. The children will also need to develop a mature and independent approach to working in preparation for Year 6 next year. Our personal goal is to make sure each child is happy in school, which means feeling valued, safe and confident in contributing to their class.

I look forward to working with all the children and value your support in ensuring that they achieve both happiness and high standards this year.

Miss Caine