



I am SO impressed with how the children in Year 5 have returned to school. They have brought their enthusiasm, positivity, and love for learning back with them and I could not be happier to see them all. They made me SO proud during their time home learning and I am delighted to have them all back in the classroom. Here is some information about our routines and curriculum in Year 5.

Classroom Staff

We are lucky to have Mrs Wickes joining us in Year 5. Mrs Wickes is a PGCE student at Warwick University and will be supporting the children with their learning from now until the beginning of July. Mrs Wickes has been with us in school this week to meet the children and we are excited to welcome her to our Year 5 team for the time that she is with us!

Communication

Please continue to use the Year 5 email address to communicate with us about your child. We will check it daily for urgent issues such as changes to child collection from school, and we will endeavour to acknowledge or respond to other matters within 48 hours. Please use the school admin email for any correspondence regarding school absences, appointments etc.

Homework

We will not be using the maths homework books for the remainder of this half term. We are reviewing them at school at the moment. For maths homework, the children are encouraged to be accessing times tables Rockstars. I will also be setting Mathletics activities surrounding our current learning theme, but these will be *optional*, the children can complete the activities on Mathletics if they can.

Spellings

Children will be tested on Friday at school. New spellings, for the following weeks test will be sent home on a Friday.

Treetop Thursdays!

Year 5 have a forest school session every **Thursday** afternoon. Please send your child in to school in full length appropriate trousers, water-proof coat and wellies (the latter of which can be left in school, if this is your preference)

PE

We have PE on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Until the weather warms up, please send your child in PE kit with joggers rather than shorts. Earrings should be removed. We are currently enjoying practicing our running stamina and speed on a Tuesday and Dance on a Friday.

Curriculum News

This week it is William Shakespeare Week, the children have enjoyed exploring the tempest through drama, diary entries and reading/ watching short videos to understand how Shakespeare's plays can be interpreted and portrayed in different ways using different media. The children also enjoyed a session from the Fire Brigade about fire safety. Our maths learning has been focussing on subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We have worked really hard this week!

English

Over the next few weeks up to Easter we will be covering the following writing genres: diary writing, non-fiction information texts and newspaper articles. Please continue to support reading daily with a book of your child's choice.

Maths

The children are working hard to apply the taught method for subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We will be continuing our work on Fractions during the next few weeks: ***Fractions*** – multiplying non unit and unit fractions by an integer, multiplying mixed numbers by an integer and fractions of an amount.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss Allsopp

Mrs McWhirter and Mrs Wickes