

## UNITE - INSPIRE - EXCEL

Dear Parents.

Welcome to Year 5! We are delighted that the children have settled so quickly into the new school year and have been busy tackling many challenges in their classes from team building tasks to starting our new and exciting topics. Overleaf you will find an overview of the jam-packed term ahead which we hope the children are looking forward to as much as we are!

### Dates to remember...

In addition to our areas of study, we have also planned to enhance our curriculum through some special events. As ever, these will be communicated via Miss Redman's Newsletter or Year Group Letters but to get started this term, please be aware of our trip to Winchester Science Museum on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and 5RM's Class Assembly on 23<sup>rd</sup> November; further details will follow in due course.

### Communication

Communication is extremely important to us in order to ensure a happy and successful year. As such, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns. You can always chat to us after school on the front playground, or alternatively, if longer is needed to discuss a particular issue, make an appointment via Reception. Remember to check [www.westfields-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.westfields-jun.hants.sch.uk) for the most recent school information, dates of events, electronic copies of newsletters and much more.

### What your child needs for Year 5...

Now that the children are in the Upper School, it is increasingly important for them to become more independent in being ready for their learning, and coming to school prepared with all the things they need. A named and complete PE kit should be in school daily as although we have set days for PE, for various reasons (including bad weather!) these may have to change so we ask that the children always have their kit in school so they do not miss out on this statutory part of the curriculum.

### Home Learning

Home learning provides an essential part of children's learning, as well as a really important link between home and school. If you have any concerns over homework at all, please contact us as soon as possible in order that we can address these and support you in supporting your child to gain the best from their learning and make best progress.

#### ➤ Reading

All children will be expected to read regularly at home to ensure that they become skilled, efficient and interested readers who are able to access learning and information presented in all forms, as well as enjoy reading for pleasure. Please hear your child read aloud, you can both enjoy the text together. Children in Years 5 will record their home reading in their reading record books at least 5 times a week. We would be grateful if you could sign the entries that your child has made and write a comment about reading at home.

#### ➤ Spelling

All children will be given weekly spellings on a Tuesday to learn from the National Curriculum expectations for their year group, which will usually follow a particular rule or pattern. The rule or pattern will be taught in school so that children understand how it works and can apply it to a variety of words. Children will be tested on their understanding of this through a short weekly test every Monday.

#### ➤ Maths

As in previous years, My-Maths tasks will be given weekly. Equally, building on firm foundations of basic mathematical skills, and having key number facts at their fingertips as instant recall are crucial to children's success in being competent and confident mathematicians. It is now expected that all children should possess rapid recall of their times table facts by the end of Year 4 and so it is important for our pupils to practise these skills regularly. There are many games and activities to complete on My-Maths and there are a list of suggested websites under the 'Parent' section of our website. But if you need any guidance, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

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