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Whiteknights Primary School

Growing Greatness



Acting Headteacher Mrs B Reynolds

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break and, like us, are ready to start a brand new term. To give you a clearer picture of the areas of the curriculum that we are covering this term, we have attached an outline of the subjects that we plan to teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

Year 5 is an important point in your child's learning as they look towards Year 6. The expectations for their learning are as follows:

- **Spelling:** Throughout the year, the children will be working through a scheme of work to help learn the different spelling rules. Each week, the children will be given weekly 'Log & Learn' spellings to be completed and checked in class on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home every day (30 mins) and record this in their diary with an appropriate comment (See Page 19 - home learning diary for an example). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD) and once read, they will need to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz for that specific book. Diaries will be checked on a Friday.
- **Maths:** We are now up and running with the use of Century. Each Wednesday, new homework will be set and needs to be completed by the following Wednesday. Please also ensure your child is regularly practising their times tables.
- **Home learning:** Each term the children will be set a project to complete that will link to an upcoming topic which gives them the opportunity to explore some of the concepts they will be learning. You will receive more information about each project closer to the time.

As per school policy children are not required to bring in additional equipment such as pencil cases and backpacks. We will continue to provide each child with the necessary stationery. It is being noticed that children are bringing in 'toys' from home (key rings, little figurines). We are worried that these will be lost so please can you remind your child that this is not needed for school.

We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) to eat during morning break. Please refer to the weekly newsletter for regular updates about items permitted in school.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously, illness cannot be avoided but, if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

PE: In Year 5, PE lessons will take place on the following days: Indoor Tuesday and Outdoor Wednesday. A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons. Children will be sent home in their PE kits on both days. Please ensure these PE kits are returned to school for the next PE lesson. Trainers are best for field and ground work and as we approach the winter weather, black tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms, a white T-shirt and a warm jumper should be included. Black shorts and white PE T-shirt are required for indoor lessons. These can be purchased from the school office. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,
Miss Couch & Miss Gater
Year 5 Team



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