



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children into their new Year 5 classes. They have settled quickly into their work and routines with their class teachers.

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 incredibly important year for all children in preparation for their Year 6 adventure. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Spellings:** 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 and Learn' spellings with a test on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home every day for 30 minutes and record this in their diary (please follow the guidance of page 19 of your child's home learning diary). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD) and once read, they are to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz (minimum of one quiz every two weeks). Diaries will be checked daily and signed by their teacher on a Friday.
- **Maths:** Two Century nuggets will be set weekly each Wednesday. Pupils should log into Century using the school Google login found in pupils' home learning diary.

Home learning diaries should be in school every day as they will be checked, referred to and used regularly.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these deadlines, as it is good preparation for Year 6 and secondary school.

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. We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights, and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only – please remember that we are a nut-free school) to eat during morning break.

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: A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons and taken home to be washed after. Trainers must be worn and, during the winter weather, black tracksuit trousers/jogging



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bottoms and a warm jumper should be included. All pupils must wear a white school PE shirt. **Indoor PE is currently on a Tuesday afternoon and outdoor PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon.**

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Gater and Miss Harvey

Year 5 Team

Autumn 1	
Writing	We will start our term by looking into a range of Michael Morpurgo's books and using them to write our own version of War Horse. Then we will write our own exciting and engaging narrative with dialogue, which will leave allow the children to show off their creativity. Lastly, we will move over to non-fiction and write a non-chronological report on a natural disaster as we are learning about earthquakes in geography`.
Maths	We will start with exploring place value and then will move onto the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Reading	We will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, who is our significant author in Year 5.
Art	In Art we will be creating earthquake inspired art. We will be taking inspiration from two artists, incorporating colour and textures. We will be using a pair of compasses to help create our piece.
Geography	In Geography we will be looking at Earthquakes, why they happen and where they happen. Our main focus will be the effects of Earthquakes and how different earthquakes have different effects.
Computing	In computing this term, we will be game developers by planning, creating and evaluating our own quest games that others can play on using Purple Mash.
Science	We will be exploring forces through different experiments, looking at friction, air resistance and water resistance. We will use Sir Isaac Newton and Galileo to help our exploration.
RE	This term, we will be exploring Sikhism and the idea of commitment.
Latin	The pupils will be understanding how commands are written in Latin. We will be using the Roman army to help inform us of this.
PE	In indoor PE, we will be focusing on a variety of skills that are needed to be a successful sportsperson. This involves

	learning about balance, agility and coordination. In outdoor PE, our focus will be on rugby.
Connect	In connect this term we will be looking at exercise and how it can help us mentally and physically. We aim for all children to have a positive mentality towards exercise, health and wellbeing.
Music	This half term, we will begin learning how to play the recorder, including some bass recorders. We will be focussing on the B, A and G notes.