

# Welcome Back Year 5



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. We hope you have had a lovely Easter. This is just a reminder about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child for the final term of Year 5.

## Summer Topics

<b>English</b>	Kensuke's Kingdom	<b>Music</b>	Listen, respond, sing and perform
<b>Maths</b>	Shape, Position and Direction Decimals, Negative Numbers Volume, Converting Units	<b>PE</b>	Cricket, Rounders, Athletics
<b>Science</b>	Living Things, Materials	<b>PSHE</b>	Valuing Ourselves, Effects of Drugs, Keeping Well, Puberty and Emotions, Basic 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid, Different Identities
<b>Art</b>	Sculpture	<b>DT</b>	Structures Cooking and Nutrition
<b>History</b>	Ancient Greece	<b>Computing</b>	Programming
<b>RE</b>	Religious places of significance, Religious laws, How religious leaders are chosen	<b>Geography</b>	Oceans and the Environment

## English

In English, we will use the text - Kensuke's Kingdom - to follow Michael's route around the world and base our work on his experiences. We will be writing descriptively about events that occur on his journey, a persuasive advert, a balanced argument, a letter plus a diary entry.



In our reading sessions, the children will be encouraged to read a wide range of texts to continue improving their fluency and comprehension. We would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

## Maths

In maths, mental recall is vitally important if children are going to make good progress. Using the internet, games or board games can help reinforce the maths needed for Year 5 in a fun and enjoyable way. Your child is familiar with Times Table Rockstars and will have their own username and password for the site. Other super websites are 'Hit the Button', and 'Mathletics'. You can find a list of mental maths objectives for all year groups on our class page. (Scroll to the bottom!) <http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/class/year-5>

This term, we will be learning about decimals, properties of shape, position and direction, negative numbers, converting units of measurement and volume. If you would like to support your child further with these units, please follow the link: <http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/maths-workbooks-for-parents/86832> or visit our school website under 'Curriculum', 'Maths', 'Maths Workbooks for Parents'.

## Topics

Our history topic this term will be Ancient Greece and we will explore the following: how we know so much about the Ancient Greeks; what pottery remains tell us about everyday life in Ancient Greece; why Ancient Greece was able to be so strong; whether we would prefer to live in Athens or Sparta; what their interest in the theatre and festivals like The Olympics tell us about the Ancient Greeks; and how the Ancient Greeks have influenced our lives today. In our geography topic will focus on how we use our oceans. We will learn about what the Great Barrier Reef is; why our oceans are suffering; what we can do to help our oceans; and how littered our marine environment is.



## PE

Our PE lessons for the term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Our aim is for PE sessions to take place outside as much as possible so please ensure that your child has suitable clothing so a waterproof coat or sun hat would be beneficial depending on the weather. We would be grateful if you could make sure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed or covered with micro-pore or similar on PE days.

## Practical information

The school doors open at 8:50 and the register is taken at 9 am promptly. As the register is completed electronically, should your child arrive at school after 9 am, they must enter via the office so that they can be recorded on both the attendance and lunch register. School finishes at 3:20 pm.

It is important for children to drink water throughout the day especially now the weather is becoming warmer. Recently, we have noticed quite a number of children needing to borrow water bottles from school. Whilst we understand that bottles are sometimes forgotten, can we please ask that your child brings in their own water bottle each day with a secure lid. This minimises the disruption to learning time as children are not having to go and seek water bottles from office staff.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. It's during this time of year, when jumpers are taken off, that they

are lost or misplaced! Any lost property can then be easily identified.

## Homework



A few reminders about homework. Maths homework will continue to be set on Mathletics every week. Your child also has access to extra work in their student area should they wish to complete more tasks. Reading homework is given out weekly as comprehension questions. The children also have a banded book that they can take home to read. Although children in Year 5 are encouraged to read independently, we would urge you to continue listening to your child read whenever possible as fluency is an essential part of reading and helps comprehension. Asking your child about what they have read also helps you to know whether they have understood the text. Weekly spellings for the term are on our class webpage on our school website under 'Classes' and 'Year 5', plus, the children will be given a hard copy. The spelling sheet shows all spellings for each half term and has a date at the top of each column to let you know when each set is being tested. During the spring term, we noticed a significant reduction in homework being completed by the children. While we understand that on occasions, it may be difficult to complete all tasks, could we please ask you to remind your child of what has been set for each week.

Please look at Year 5's webpage for more information about the learning that will take place in our class this term. We look forward to a fabulous summer term with you and your child. Finally, should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting either Miss McArdle or Mrs Mannock (Mrs Steer after half term) through our contact email address ([contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk)).

Lastly, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. Once again, the children have been amazing and are an absolute credit to you all.

Yours sincerely

Miss McArdle and Mrs Mannock

