

Year 5 – Voyager

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to Whitehill School and to Year 5. Miss Henry and I are very much looking forward to our year ahead and have had a great week back so far! It is strange to get the same class back once more, however it has meant that we can hit the ground running and skip the 'getting to know you' part of the year. I have to say, I am extremely impressed with how much all of the children have grown up over the last year.

This year I will be focussing on 4 areas with in the classroom to help each and every pupil become a well-rounded individual. These are **kindness, independence, support and organisation** (acronym pending). As we are at the beginning of upper key stage two, these are the areas that I believe will best support them with their future in, and outside of education.

As always, I appreciate your help so we hope this letter will give you some ideas on how to support your child. I hope they enjoy all we have planned for them this year and share some excitement about the activities they complete at home.

Curriculum

In English, we begin with a book called 'Cloud Busting'. We will use a range of texts throughout the year which hopefully your children will talk about at home with you. Some other texts this year include 'The Silver Sword', 'Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions', 'Moon Man' and 'The Red Tree'.

We will be following the Maths Curriculum and what we cover during the year is set out on the School Website.

On a Wednesday morning we will have Targeted Teaching. The classes will be mixed up into smaller teaching groups which means they may learn in a different room from Apollo Class. The other adults joining the year 5 team will be Mrs Small and Mrs Burniston.

In Science we will start with a Forces topic in the Autumn Term. During the rest of the year we also study Space, Life Cycles and The Heart. When studying Space we will have a themed week in school which will be the week commencing 14th November 2022. As part of the Life Cycles topic we hope to be able to watch chicks hatch in our classroom.

This year P.E will take place on a Monday afternoon, on a Week B. They will also have Activity Afternoon every Friday. The children are expected to have their kit in school, including trainers. Should they need their PE kits at any other time we will let the children know in advance.

During the year we cover a range of exciting topics. These are 'Express Yourself', 'Space', 'Fit for Life' and 'Going Global'. We have some exciting activities planned already for these



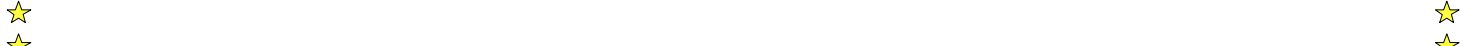
In the meantime, as always, feel free to chat with me about any concerns at the end of the day. At the start of the day I am in my classroom so should you wish to have a quick chat about any concerns you can ask your child to come up and get me and I am able to come out to speak with you.



Thank you for your support. We are very much looking forward to a busy, successful and ultimately rewarding term. I am very aware that I am going to have to improve on my tidy classroom skills in order to keep up with the currently Womble Champions, you'll be happy to know that they have retained the award in the first week back. Next stop... class of the year!



Yours sincerely,



Tim Lord

