

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to Year 5. Across the year group we have had an enjoyable first week and are looking forward to the rest of the year. Here is some important information for the year.

### **Who are we?**

*Apollo*

Teacher: Mrs Bailey

Support staff: Miss Henry & Mrs Lomas

*Voyager*

Teacher: Mr Lord

Support staff: Mrs Wells

As a Year 5 teaching team, we are very excited for the year ahead. If you have any queries, questions or worries, please feel free to catch either of us at the beginning or end of the day. As there is not external door leading to the year 5 classrooms, we ask that you speak to a member of staff on the playground before heading up to our rooms.

### **A general week**

We have uploaded a timetable for a 'normal' week in year 5 to Google Classroom. This may change from week to week depending on other events across the school.

**PE:** Kits will be needed every Wednesday and Friday. We will regularly send children home in PE kits on a Friday so they can be washed over the weekend.

**Music:** In year 5 children get to choose whether they learn the flute or clarinet. Children will be provided with their own instrument and will have the opportunity to take it home. These must come back in every Wednesday.

### **Homework**

Throughout the year homework may change slightly. For the first term we are going to focus on important skills that will make lessons more accessible and therefore enjoyable for all.

**Spelling:** Spelling homework will be checked weekly with a test happening fortnightly. We expect 2 spelling activities plus the words written into sentences. In the first week of each cycle, one of the 2 activities should aim to find definitions of words.

**Maths:** Time tables are the most important maths skill for any child to learn. Therefore we will be continuing with TT Rockstars for this term.

**Reading:** Children are expected to read out loud to an adult 3 times a week. This should be recorded in their reading record. A booklet to help adults at home with reading was sent home with the children in the first week.

### **Topics, Trips & Volunteers**

Anglo Saxons, Vikings and space are our first topics of the year. As part of the space topic children will enjoy a space week beginning 13/11/2023. During this space week we will take a trip to the National Space Centre on the Monday and enjoy a space evening on the Friday where children take part in space activities at school until 11pm. This week is always a hit with the students! The cost of space week will come to no more than £35 but we will confirm this at a later date.

Finally, should you ever wish to volunteer within school we are always keen to have volunteers who can come and listen to children read during the morning weekly. If you feel this is something you would enjoy, do let us know and we can arrange a day which is suitable.

This is sure to be a great year,

**Mr Lord, Mrs Bailey and the Year 5 team**