



## Welcome to Year 5/6

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you to our Year 5/6 class! I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Years 5 and 6 have to offer, including SATS preparation. Things are guaranteed to be different this year, but we are excited to begin the new school year. We are looking forward to starting our new topic 'The Greeks and Romans' and are sure to have great fun learning together.

### Reading

On an allocated day your child will read with myself or Mr Dent and a book will be sent home. This book will be for **reading at home**. You are welcome to record any comments about your child's reading and return these to school to inform us of how your child's reading is progressing at home. I am happy to send additional books as requested. Please note that children's reading levels will be reviewed in September and a colour book-band will be allocated, which may be different to their previous colour band.

Please note that unless your child brings a school book bag, reading books will remain in school.

I will hear your child read in school each week independently and through whole class reading of our class novel. These sessions aim to provide more focused teaching of reading and comprehension skills.

Therefore, it is vital that your child reads as much as possible at home, as well as in school, to make good progress to improve comprehension, word recognition, spelling and to have fun!

### Homework

As well as reading, homework will be set on **Friday** to be returned by **Wednesday**. The focus of homework tasks will vary weekly to consolidate learning in school, however there will usually be a maths or literacy task, including optional challenges.

If a project is sent home, for example, a research task focused on our current topic, it will be optional and additional time will be allocated for this.

Thank you for your continued support in completing homework tasks in particular as Year 6 pupils prepare for their final year in primary education.

### Spellings

During this half term, spellings will focus on the Year 5/6 spelling list (which can be accessed on our school website) as revision sessions. As well as providing a list to learn at home, the key spellings will be continually reinforced in class, as we have found that often children learn spellings for the test, but do not use the correct spelling in independent writing tasks. We recommend spending a little time practising each day to help your child to remember the spellings. As an added challenge, ask your child to write each spelling in an interesting sentence, find the definition in a dictionary or use a thesaurus to find an antonym or synonym.



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### PE

In the Autumn term, Year 5/6 PE day will be Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times with all items clearly labelled.

Please note earrings and jewellery (including Fitbits and other smart watches) must be removed for PE lessons. Also, for the continued health and safety of our pupils, we are aiming to be an 'earring free' school. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

PE days may change due to coaching availability, but you will be made aware of any changes.

### Can I help?

We understand that this year may be challenging and daunting for pupils as they become used to new routines, classroom layouts and being back in a formal education setting. Please rest assured that we will do everything possible to ensure your child continues to find school a safe, welcoming and engaging environment during their time in Year 5 and Year 6.

If you have any concerns or questions relating to your child, please contact the school office via email or telephone.

### Year 6 SATS

This year pupils in Year 6 will sit the SATS examinations (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Mental Arithmetic and two mathematic reasoning papers). As the year progresses, I will be offering a SATS meeting for parents to fully explain the tests, SATS after-school revision clubs, a SATS Easter holiday revision club and revision guides will also be sent home. I thank you for your continued support in helping pupils to complete the revision guides and homework activities as they complete the end of their primary education.

Please note that more information regarding SATS will follow.

Thank you for your support.  
Mr Seaton and Mr Dent