



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

**Welcome to Year 5!**

We hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer and are ready for the new academic year. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child achieves the best they possibly can in Year 5. This will be a fun and challenging year with many exciting opportunities.

Topic

Our topic for this term is The Amazing Americas and Raging Rivers. We will be exploring key facts, famous geographical landmarks and interesting information about North and South America. Further details of all our learning for the term can be found on the school website.

Homework

A weekly spelling homework overview will be given to your child this week for the half term. Children will also be given weekly, reading and a maths homework which will be due every Friday. At the start of term, we will give your child a new reading diary and reading book which they will have the opportunity to read in school. We also kindly ask that you read with your child daily to support their progress and help them to develop the skills necessary for them to achieve. Discussing and asking questions about the text they are reading is proven to enhance understanding, which will benefit them in all areas of their education.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher meeting on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3:20pm**. Please come along to find out key information about Year 5, meet the Year 5 team and to ask any questions you may have.

P.E. and Bikeability

Our outdoor P.E. unit this half term is forest school/problem solving on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays we will be learning to play handball indoors. Mrs Flackett's class will be participating in forest school for the first 3 weeks of the term; please see separate letter explaining your child's group and dates for forest school. A letter for Mrs Coot's class will be handed out nearer the time. We are very pleased to welcome the Bikeability instructors to school during the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. We will be giving out letters to those children who will be taking part in Bikeability at this time. There may be another opportunity for less confident children to complete the course at a later date.

Coats / Drinks / Jewellery

Please ensure your child brings a suitable, **named** raincoat/coat every day along with a named water bottle. Please remember that children should not be wearing any jewellery, including earrings, in school.

**Useful Information**

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring musical instrument to school (once allocated)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE (Children should come into school in their PE kit on these days - white t-shirt, black/navy joggers, trainers, school jumper/cardigan)</li> <li>Forest school - children should wear OLD clothes and bring wellies/spare trainers that are ok to get muddy</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spelling test and homework is due.</li> </ul>
<b>All Week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring reading book and reading diary to school (signed by parent/carer when child has read)</li> </ul>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to the year ahead and working with you in achieving the best outcomes for your child.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Coot & Mrs Flackett

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