

Welcome to Class Five

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome your child in to Class Five. In Class Five, the aim is to encourage children to be more independent in preparation for secondary school. New children to Class Five may find the first few terms quite challenging, as they work together with Year 6 children and experience new curriculum topics. In order to support them and help them settle in, all Year 5s are assigned a Year 6 'buddy'.

School Uniform

Please encourage your child to wear correct school uniform and school shoes. It would be extremely useful if all items of school clothing could be named. Girls with long hair should have it tied at back at all times for health and safety reasons.

Physical Education

If your child is unable to participate in any sporting activities please let me know in advance, either in person or in writing. Children should have their PE/Games kit in school at **all times**. Please ensure your child has appropriate P.E. kit which should include:

For indoor sessions: a school t-shirt, navy blue cotton shorts, a change of socks, daps

For outdoor sessions: a school t-shirt, a pair of dark or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts, a change of socks and trainers

Swimming

Class Five will be swimming **every** Monday afternoon during Terms 3 and 4. (*This is different to previous years*). Children should wear appropriate swimming costumes/trunks/shorts and children with long (shoulder-length) hair will need to wear a swimming hat. Children may also wear goggles. For water skills activities, children may be asked to wear pyjamas in the water. Where possible please provide your child with the necessary clothing. *Please note children require £1 coin for lockers.*

Stationery

Children in Class Five are encouraged to use their own stationery. Your child will require a fully equipped, named pencil case including; pencils, a ruler, pencil sharpener and rubber. Children may use a fibre tipped ink pen (*dark blue ink **no** variations*) once they have passed their Milestone Three for handwriting. A folder or book-bag would be useful for children to keep all of their homework and belongings together.

Homework

Homework is given to children in order to help reinforce their learning. In Class Five, all children have a Homework Diary. Children are encouraged to copy Homework activities from the whiteboard into their Homework Diaries. Please note Homework should take no longer than about 30 minutes.

Reading Records

Children are expected to regularly take part in shared and independent reading at home. Please encourage your child to frequently update their reading record and bring it into school every day.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes,

Andrew Milne