

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school and we look forward to sharing the next steps on their learning journey at The Ellis with them.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

## PE

Our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**. Thursday will be indoor PE lessons and Friday will be outdoor. The children will need their PE kits for these lessons.

## Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y5 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

## Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it but it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

## Spelling books

The children will be bringing home spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a Tuesday and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Tuesday.

## Homework

The children will be set weekly learning tasks on a learning platform called SATS Companion. This web-based learning will be designed to consolidate the learning they are doing in school. They will have one English based and one Maths based assignment each week. They can also use the website to access other tasks which will support their learning. Look out for a letter with more information and log in details.

Children are encouraged to be regularly practising spellings and time tables online. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. Seesaw will be used in school regularly and may be used for learning at home if the need arises. The children will be given their individual logins for SATS Companion, Seesaw, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed (they are stapled in the back of their reading diaries). Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

You can find The Hazels on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllisY5. We use X/Twitter to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

## Autumn 1 learning overview

### English

We will start the half term by exploring Shakespeare's Macbeth. We will write character descriptions, scripts and poems. We will then explore The Freedom Bird by Jerdine Nolen and write postcards, letters and a biography.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills while reading Treason by Berlie Doherty.

### Maths

We will learn about place value and comparing and ordering numbers during the first weeks of Y5. We will then learn about addition and subtraction, including securing the formal method of column addition and subtraction.

### Science

Our Science learning will focus on Forces this half term. We will learn about air resistance, gravity, levers and pulleys, friction and we will develop the scientific skills needed to carry out and record experiments.

### History

In History, we will be exploring the question 'What was life like in Tudor England?'

### Re

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?'

### PE

We will be focusing on dance and fitness, while some of our children will continue their swimming journey.

### DT

In DT, we will be investigating, designing and making electronic doodlers.

### Computing

We will be learning about computer systems and networks, particularly how information is transferred between systems and devices.

### French

We will be learning about the names of French shops and sentences asking for purchase things in shops.

### Music

We will be learning about composition and notation in music.

### PSHE

We will be thinking about looking out for others in PSHE.

Kind regards

Mrs Wise, Miss Saunders and the Y5 Team