

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased with how the children have settled into the new routines of Y5, 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, however, 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 times tables online regularly. 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 2 learning overview

English

We will start the half term by exploring Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. We will write persuasive letters, opinion pieces and a non-chronological report.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills whilst reading Black and British by David Olusoga.

Maths

We will be focusing on fractions, this will include learning how to find equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions as well as converting, comparing and ordering fractions.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on Space this half term. We will learn about orbits, gravity and lunar cycles.

Geography

In geography, we will be exploring the question 'how do volcanoes affect the lives of people?'

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' We will think about why Jesus is important to Christians, what the Bible tells us about Jesus and why Christians have some Christmas traditions.

PE

We will be focusing on yoga and netball, whilst some of our children will continue their swimming journey.

Art

In art, we will be exploring art installation.

Computing

We will be learning about video production, this will involve learning about filming techniques, using storyboards and importing and editing videos.

French

We will be learning how to recognise and understand verbs.

Music

We will be learning about Blues music, this will include learning about the history of the Blues as well as learning about the Blues scale.

PSHE

We will be thinking about inclusion and acceptance in PSHE.

Kind Regards

The Y5 Team