

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school after a well deserved rest over Christmas 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**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (white top and black short/joggers) in school on these days.

## 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.

## Spring 1 learning overview

### English

We be using 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' to inspire our writing this half-term. We will be innovating a new ending to a chapter and creating our own demi-god characters to write adventure stories about.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills while reading 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'.

## Maths

We will be focusing on Multiplication and Division and developing our understanding of formal methods. We will then return to learning about Fractions and learn how to multiply fractions and how to find fractions of an amount.

## Science

Our Science learning will focus on Materials this half term. We will be investigating the properties of different materials and finding the best materials for different purposes.

## History

In History, we will be asking 'what did the Greeks ever do for us?' We will learn about how Ancient Greece was governed, what the Ancient Greeks believed in and how Greek philosophers have influenced us today.

## RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?' We will be building on our knowledge of Hinduism and developing an understanding how Hindus put their beliefs into practice.

## PE

We will be focusing on Gymnastics (Thursdays) and Dodgeball (Fridays).

## DT

In DT, we will be designing and making pop-up story books. We will use a range of mechanisms and structures to illustrate our stories and make them interactive for the reader.

## Computing

We will be introduced to vector drawings and begin to understand that they are made up of simple shapes and lines. They use the main drawing tools within the Google Drawings application to create their own vector drawings.

## French

Our French learning will focus on the vocabulary for Family and Friends.

## Music

We will be learning about South and West African Music. We will learn how to sing with correct pronunciation and with increasing confidence. We will also learn how to play a chord with two notes, remaining in time.

## PSHE

We will be thinking about feelings and emotions in PSHE.

We will also start work on the Archbishop of York Youth Trust Project (The ARCHIE Project). This young leaders award exists to see a generation of young people empowered to transform society.

Kind Regards

The Y5 Team