

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful half term and that your child is ready for a new half term of learning.

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

Outdoor clothing and indoor pumps

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 be bringing a reading book to share with you at home. This will have been one of our amazing 50 Books to Read in Y5, which we have recently invested in as a school. It is your child's responsibility to look after this book and return it to our class library when they have finished reading it. If a borrowed book is lost or damaged while on loan to your child then we would seek your support in replacing it.

Please support your child to record the reading they do at home in their reading diaries (this can be reading of their book from school or a different text at home). 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.

Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

Home learning

Your child will be given a spelling book to bring home, in order for them to be able to practise their spellings at home. They will write in their new spellings on a Monday and they will have a short assessment of spellings learnt the following Monday. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will have a Spelling Shed log in their reading diary.

Times table fluency will have been a focus of your child's learning in Y4 and in order to support this recall of key facts we ask that you encourage your child to continue to access TT Rockstars on a regular basis. The log in for TT Rockstars will also be in their reading diary.

Your child will be set a short English and Maths task weekly on SATS companion. The log in for this platform will also be in their reading diary.

We will be running a weekly 'Homework Club' at lunchtime, which children can choose to come to if they wish or will be invited to if we notice that they are not completing their homework.

PE

Our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**.

Thursday will be outdoor PE and children will need their PE kit.

Friday will be indoor PE for children who are not swimming and they will need their PE kit.

Friday will be swimming for some of the children and they will need their swimming kit (if your child is swimming will have received other information regarding this).

Class Dojo

We will continue to share lots of photos and information about the learning we are doing in Y5 on Class Dojo. We hope you enjoy being able to share your child's learning journey in this way.

Autumn 1 learning overview

English

We will be using the book 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray to inspire our writing. We will be learning how to use expanded noun phrases to communicate more complex information, ways to describe setting, characters and atmospheres, how to integrate dialogue to advance action and how to make sure that speech is correctly punctuated. We will be writing our own traditional tale style narratives.

In our reading lessons, we will continue to develop our comprehension skills while reading 'The haunting of Aveline Jones' by Phil Hicke. Our fluency lessons will utilise 'Dreambox Reading Plus'.

Maths

We will be focusing on multiplication and division to start our maths, with learning about factors, prime, square and cubed numbers. We will then move on the learning about fractions, including recognising equivalent fractions, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers and adding fractions. We will continue to learn about how to make mathematical choices and develop the use of precise mathematical vocabulary.

Science

Our science learning will focus on the properties of forces in action. We will be planning and completing a range of scientific investigations and experiments to explore gravity, friction and air resistance.

Geography

In geography, we will be exploring the question 'why does population change?'

We will investigate why some areas of the world are more densely populated than others, explore birth and death rates and find out about the British population and ways it is changing and why.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'what does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'

We will find out how many Muslims there are living in the UK. We will also learn about the key Islamic beliefs, including the five pillars, and how Muslims practise these beliefs today.

PE

We will be focusing on yoga and netball, while some of our children will continue their swimming journey. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday.

Art

In Art, we will be exploring sculpture and installation art.

Computing

We will be learning about creating media, with a focus on creating videos. We will also learn about online safety.

French

We will be learning about French verbs and the different forms they take.

Music

We will be learning about Blues music.

PSHE

Y5 will be starting their ARCHIE project where they become ambassadors at school, home and in the wider community. This is a leadership, character education and personal development programme, where pupils develop core skills and have practical opportunities to volunteer and help others in their community.