

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school and we hope that they are excited to be back. I'm really excited to be teaching your children again and I hope we have a fantastic year ahead. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please pop in to see me or drop me a message on Dojo.

We have lots of amazing learning planned for this half term.

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 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 in their reading diary. The logins will be given out in the first couple of weeks back. Spellings won't start until the second week back.

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.

Last year, your child will have completed their homework on Mirodo. We have a similar learning platform in Y5 and Y6, but it is called SATS companion. Your child will be set a short English and Maths task weekly. 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 **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Class Dojo

We will be sharing 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 'Queen of the Falls' by Chris Van Allsburg to inspire our writing. We will be learning how to identify the audience for and purpose of writing, organise paragraphs around a theme with a focus on more complex narrative structures and the use of commas after fronted adverbials and commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing.

In our reading lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills while reading good night stories for rebel girls by Elena Favilli and Francesco Cavallo

Maths

We will be focusing on place value in our first maths unit, followed by securing our understanding of formal methods of addition and subtraction. We will be learning how to make mathematical choices and developing of precise mathematical vocabulary.

Science

Our science learning will focus on the properties of materials and the changes that materials can go through. We will be planning and completing a range of scientific investigations and experiments to explore reversible and irreversible changes.

Geography

In geography, we will be exploring the question 'why do our oceans matter?'

We will be learning about why the ocean is important, how it is used and its significance in the water cycle. As part of this learning, we will be completing a field study at Elsecar Reservoir to explore how a local marine environment reflects on our understanding of the oceans.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'what does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?'

We will be looking at the Bible to find out what it says God is like, exploring how the Christian God is reflected in art, music and buildings and finding out about the Christian faith in action.

PE

We will be focusing on dance and handball. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday.

DT

In DT, we will be investigating, designing and making pop up books using mechanical structures.

Computing

We will be learning about computer systems and how they work. We will also learn about online safety.

French

We will be learning about French towns and how to ask for items in shops in French.

Music

We will be learning about South and West African music.

PSHE

We will be thinking about keeping ourselves safe online, with a particular focus on in app purchases and image sharing in PSHE. We will also be starting our learning on the ARCHER project.

Thank you for supporting the school and your child in their learning.

The Year 5 Team