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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome message from the Year 5 team 2024/25

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling as excited as we are for this new chapter. The Year 5 team is ready and waiting to ensure that the school year ahead is filled with creativity, intrigue and many new challenges for the children to tackle and learn from. Year 5 is an exciting year for the children and we look forward to building their independence and resilience as they begin upper key stage two and become exemplary role models for their peers and the school.

We are equally looking forward to meeting and working in collaboration with each and every one of you. We hope that you are also able to enjoy the new approaches to learning that Year 5 encompasses and join us in celebrating the children's many accomplishments along the way.

On Tuesday 17th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

Staffing

Teachers: Mr Howells (Pine) and Miss Perkins (Rowan)

TAs: Mrs Davies will be working with both classes

This year we will be sending out termly year group newsletters (in addition to our weekly Purple Pages) to keep you up to date with our year group news and inform you of our upcoming learning.

Term 1 Learning

<p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>Narratives inspired by The Explorer by Katherine Rundell and linked to our geography topic of rainforests.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Place Value, including; place value up to 1,000,000 rounding to the nearest 10,100,1,000 addition and subtraction multiplication and division (multiples, factors, square numbers, prime numbers, cube numbers) inverse operations.</p>
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<u>History</u> Anglo Saxons - Vikings	<u>Geography</u> Rainforests around the world
<u>RE</u> Sikhism - Sikh stories	<u>Science</u> Forces
<u>PSHE</u> Being me in my world	<u>PE</u> Multiskills - Forever Sport Hockey - Pine Class Forest School - Rowan Class
<u>Art/DT</u> Drawing techniques	<u>Music</u> Music inspired by Vikings
<u>Computing</u> Systems and searching	<u>French</u> Describing a high street

What will my child need and when?

Forest School

Forest School Session this term:

- Rowan Class on Friday

For these sessions, it is important that children are dressed in weather-appropriate clothing to remain safe. Each child must have the following items available for each session:

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Long trousers
- Wellington boots
- Spare pair of socks
- Waterproof trousers and coats
- A hats and pair of gloves (winter months)

If children are deemed to be inappropriately dressed for the session, they will be sent to a member of senior staff who will provide them with spare clothing. Inappropriate attire includes football kits, crop tops and shorts, as these do not comply with our forest school safety policy.

Physical Education:

Every Year 5 child will need their full PE kit in school every Tuesday.

Tuesday PE sessions will be taught by sports coaches from Forever Sport. This term Rowan will have Forest School on Fridays, and Pine will have P.E. on Fridays in addition to their Tuesday PE.

Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers

- Trainers and/or daps

We advise that the children take their PE kits home every Friday to ensure the kit is suitable for the following week.

Home Learning Expectations:

Reading: We encourage children to read on a daily basis, whether this is the school reading book or a book of their choice, recording this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

Your child has our permission to record their reading journal independently, however, we also strongly welcome parent comments in these journals as this is a great way to maintain positive attitudes towards reading and home-school contact. Reading journals will be monitored by teaching staff on a weekly basis.

We would also like to encourage exploration of a wide variety of genres, and feel it is important pupils read engaging texts linked to their interests whether these are fiction or non-fiction. Similarly, if pupils read anything of interest linked to our topics we would love to hear about this and provide the pupil with the opportunity to share what they have learnt.

Homework: This year we have launched a school wide homework proforma. Children will receive their homework on a Friday and are expected to complete this by the following Wednesday. There will be an opportunity on a Wednesday lunchtime for those who have not completed their homework to catch up with this with a member of SLT present.

Homework will include a selection of activities for example; times tables, maths, spelling and handwriting activities.

In addition to this, children are encouraged to engage with **Doodlemaths and Doodletables** via <https://doodlelearning.com/> for ten minutes each day.

Non-negotiables:

Children are expected to be fully equipped with their reading diary and water bottle every day - these are to be taken home at the end of every school day. All children are expected to arrive at school each morning wearing the full and correct uniform. School shoes must be worn and uniforms should not be embellished; sandals, trainers, jewellery and cosmetics are not permitted. If they arrive in school without the correct uniform then spares will be provided for the school day.

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Mr Howells and Miss Perkins
Year 5 class teachers