



Ashley Junior School

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4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year Five!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Five. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Consultations

Parent telephone consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 30th and Thursday 1st October**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Friday 18th September or contact the school office.

The home learning requirements for Year 5:

Spelling

Your child will be asked to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds your child's spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have an impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' at least three times a week for 10 minutes per session.

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term ready for this to start week beginning Monday 14th September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for both Barn Owl and Eagle Class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Maths

'DoodleMaths': Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

School Trips

It is our intention to plan for school visits as normal but as we are sure, you will understand this is a fluid situation because of Covid-19. You will receive separate communications for each trip and please consider dates and timings may differ from previous years.

P.E

P.E. will be on Fridays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper.

School bags

Until further notice, there is no requirement to bring in a school bag. All equipment will be provided. Any work going home will be in a zip lock bag.

Snacks and Water bottles

Given the Covid situation, we politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school, please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/ .Alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, access to the site will be limited for parents and guardians so the opportunity for a 'quick chat' at the beginning or end of the day will be impossible but we do wish to keep the lines of communication open. Therefore, please use our class emails to get in touch with us about anything you feel you need to discuss and we will get back to as soon as possible.

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Yours faithfully,

Year 5 Team