



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

SE/CM/JL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 5 Michaelmas Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5! We hope that you and your children had a restful and enjoyable summer break. This year is set to be filled with exciting new challenges and a real focus on preparing your child for Year 6.

There will be a variety of educational trips and speakers and the highlight of the year, the Year 5 residential to Ford Castle in Northumbria is the 11 – 13 March 2020 with a meeting for parents on Thursday the 7 November at 4.00pm. The trip to Gainsborough Old Hall is on Tuesday 8 October 2019.

We would like to remind you that Year 5 pupils will be expected to complete 40 minutes of homework each evening. Homework tasks will be written into their new Junior School Diary. Please check these each evening. Please ensure that homework is handed in on time.

Pupils are expected to read every week night and have a reading record to complete which is now part of their Junior School Diary. Spellings are also to be completed frequently. We thank you for your cooperation in these matters. We also ask you to check that your child is attending at least two activities per week.

We take this opportunity to remind you about the three-weekly grades that will appear on the Parent section of the website. It is highly recommended that you take time to go through these grades with your child. There is a space to fill these in and comment on in your child's Junior School Diary. The Junior School Flyer will continue to be produced and is available to read at the end of each term. Please let us know about anything your child has done both in and out of school.

We hope that you are as excited by this term's programme of study for Year 5 as we are. Please, as always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions; notes in your child's new School Journal are a good place to start. We look forward to your support.

Yours faithfully

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Year 5 Michaelmas Curriculum Overview

English

We are undertaking a book study on Michael Morpurgo's 'The Butterfly Lion'. There are many other wonderful stories by this author and we would encourage you to read these with your children. Children will be in sets for spellings and comprehension. Other English lessons will be class based. There will be a reading comprehension homework sent on Mondays. Weekly spelling tests will continue as normal (Tuesday) and Science homework will be midweek. Please also encourage your children to take part in the 'Great British Read Off' competition – details are in their Junior School Diary.

Mathematics

There are four areas of Mathematics to focus on this term. These are place value, operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), area/perimeter and statistics. Weekly Mental Maths with Mr Hall will continue as normal. Times tables tests will be undertaken in sets on a weekly basis. Homework will be set on Friday, due in on Monday.

Science

The children will undertake an exciting programme of study this year with a specialist science teacher from the senior school. Their specialist teacher will teach the children about states of matter and properties of materials.

I.C.T.

ICT will be taught by specialist staff. Areas studied this year will include an introduction to school email accounts and e-Safety.

History

History will be a study of the Tudor period starting with the Battle of Bosworth. Our trip on Gainsborough Old Hall will be tied to this topic.

Geography

We will be studying the city of London and using both physical and digital maps to compare the area to places in South Yorkshire. We will then look further afield at New York City and Rio de Janeiro in the Americas.

Physical Education

Year 5 will have one lesson of P.E. on a Monday. During the week, they will have an afternoon of Games on Friday and a double lesson on a Thursday. For boys, the sport for the Michaelmas term is rugby and for girls, hockey. Please make sure that pupils have the correct kit and gum guards for each sport. Children should come dressed in

P.E. kit on a Thursday morning and bring their uniform with them. The majority of fixtures will now be on a Friday afternoon.

Art, ESL, Music and Drama

Art will be an introduction to drawing techniques and portraits connected to our History topic of Tudors. Year 5 will also undertake ESL (European Language Studies) looking at French, German, Italian and Spanish and contacting their French pen pals. Mrs Bodman will tutor the children in Music this year and pupils will need their recorders in school. Mrs Ellwood will take the pupils for a weekly Drama lesson.