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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter 2025 to 2026

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through during the next academic year.

Core Subjects (English, Mathematics and Science)

English – We will be covering the full range of text types during year 5 including; Narratives: setting descriptions, diary writing and characterising speech; Non – fiction: Instruction, persuasive arguments, non-chronological report. Poetry.

Mathematics – Place value, ordering and rounding; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and application to money and real-life problems; understanding and rapid recall of multiplication and division; fractions, decimals and percentages; handling data; shape and space; measures (length, mass, capacity, volume and area, time) and application to problems; data handling; reasoning about numbers.

In Year 5, the children will be covering the topic of time and timetables in maths. It is really important that they are able to tell the time (both analogue and digital) to 1 minute. If you could support your child in being able to do this, I would be extremely grateful.

Science- These are the main science units we will be covering this year:

- Earth and Space
- Forces
- Living Things and Their Habitats
- Animals, Including Humans
- Changing Materials

Class Topic

Our topic this term will initially focus on Earth and Space. In Geography, we will be conducting fieldwork about rivers. In the Spring Term, our history topic will be about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings, whilst for Geography we will be carrying out fieldwork on local ecosystems. During the Summer term, our topic will be the Brazil and the Mayan civilisation. Throughout the year, our art topics will examine monochromatic and chromatic art, whilst our design technology will involve baking and sewing.

In **PSHE (Personal Social Health Education)** in the Spring Term, children will be studying a six-week unit on **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)**. This will be an opportunity to discuss feelings and changes in puberty.

Homework

Homework is a very important part of education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Just to remind you that homework in Year 5 involves:

- Reading with your child (please record this in their reading record);
- Spellings (we encourage the children to learn the definition of the word, as well as its spelling).
- Times table practice or maths work
- A reading comprehension task

Homework is sent home on a Thursday and is due back by the following Tuesday.

Our weekly spelling test and times table test will be on Thursday and Friday. Spellings will sometimes link to spelling patterns and/or key vocabulary from our class topic and other curriculum areas.

Please encourage your child to read frequently each week and bring in their reading book to school every day. In Year 5, we encourage children to read independently at specific times of the day or when they have completed their work.

P.E.

During the first half of the Autumn Term, P.E. for Year 5 will usually be on a Wednesday and Friday. Children are to bring their PE kits into school on Monday and change at school. Earrings must be removed prior to the lesson and ideally, they should not be taped over as tape often comes loose.

Outside Area

On Tuesday afternoons, Year 5 are able to use the outside area. On these occasions, and you will be notified prior to these sessions, please ensure that your child has suitable clothes for the weather (including wet weather). Long sleeves and trousers are needed for nearly all activities and footwear should ideally be boots or wellington boots.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 5 Class Teacher