



# West Byfleet Junior School

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Dear Parents

## Year 5 – Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 5!

### Topic and Learning

After what has been a strange time for everyone, we as Year 5 teachers cannot wait to get going with the exciting topics this term and supporting your children in their learning. This term our topic is Ancient Egypt. We will be examining the life of the Egyptians and who they were, as well as learning about the Gods, Tutankhamun and the process of mummification. To support this topic we will be hosting our own Egyptian themed day in school where the children will use the Egyptian number system for maths, try mummifying a tomato, write in hieroglyphics and complete Egyptian art!

Our Science topic is Earth and Space, where the children will learn facts about our solar system, famous scientific figures, and carry out investigations into the vast sizes that are in our universe.

This term we will be splitting the whole of Year 5 into ability groups for Maths sessions. This streaming will allow the children to be taught at an appropriate level for their ability. English writing sessions as well as other foundation subjects will continue to be taught in class and will be differentiated as appropriate. All of these ability groups are in accordance with the year group bubble.

We are incredibly lucky this year to have all year groups taking part in more regular Forest School sessions in small groups of 15. Here they will learn skills around plants and ponds, including the living things within both habitats. Year 5 will be taking part in forest school sessions starting from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Further information including exact dates and suitable clothing will be sent out at a later date.

### Homework

Homework will be set every Thursday and will be due in on every Monday morning. Details of the homework will be on the school website. You will find the homework in the home learning section of the website used during lockdown. All homework tasks should be carried out independently and emailed to the teacher weekly. Feedback and acknowledgement will then be provided by email back to you in a similar format to lockdown.

Reading to an adult should continue to form part of every evening's routine and be noted down in their Reading Record together with any comments you wish to make. Your child is expected to read to someone at home or discuss the reading they have completed independently, at least 3 times per week, and we ask that the reading record is signed by an adult on each occasion. If they read 5 or more times a week, their name is placed on the Reading Challenge Reward chart.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homework due in</li></ul>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P.E. Session 1</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homework set</li><li>• P.E. Session 1</li><li>• Spelling Test</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Records to be checked</li></ul>

### Equipment

All children must have a transparent pencil case containing pencils, ruler, rubber, enclosed pencil sharpener, glue stick and a set of colouring pencils and a pink, green and purple pens for marking / editing their work. If your child has their pen licence they also need a pen (black ink). Please ensure your child comes into school with a named water bottle. We no longer have cups for children to drink from in class so it is incredibly important that they have a water bottle.

## **P.E.**

This term Year 5 will be partaking in P.E. on Wednesday Afternoon **and** Thursday Afternoon. Please note that these sessions are each an hour, as this is more beneficial to the children's development.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with school logo, complete with: trainers, polo shirt, shorts, and navy tracksuit. **Please make sure ALL items are clearly named. Your child is expected to come into school on their P.E. days wearing the correct P.E. kit and must remember to bring a spare pair of shoes and socks to change into.**

## **PG Films**

To support our learning we sometimes need to show extracts from or whole PG rated films. Please confirm your permission via the school website link:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/survey/?pid=12&form=334>

## **Punctuality**

May we take this opportunity to remind parents that the allocated time for Year 5 to arrive at school is 8:30am to 8:40am, the register will be taken promptly at 8:40am and lessons will begin at 8:45am? Punctuality is important as it affects your child's attendance record. Furthermore, if pupils are late for school then they are missing important introductions to lessons and valuable learning time, as well as disrupting the beginning of lessons. Thank you for your support.

Should you wish to raise any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via email.

Yours faithfully

Miss Barrett  
**Westminster Class**

Miss Lonergan  
**Buckingham Class**

Mrs Turitto  
**Windsor Class**

### **Please contact us on the following email addresses**

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