**Lunch**

Each term a letter will be sent home to ask whether your child would like a school dinner, will be bringing a packed lunch or whether they would like to do a bit of both. If your child would like to alternate between school dinner and packed lunch, you need to complete a school dinner envelope. We will be putting some of these in the children’s school bags for you. Please tick to let the kitchen staff know which days your child would like a school dinner. These envelopes need to be handed in on Monday of each week so the kitchen staff can order the right amount of food.

**Uniform**

Please can you make sure all your child’s uniform, shoes and coats are clearly labelled with their name.

**End of school day**

Year 5 children can walk home alone if you have completed a walk home alone form or be collected at 3.20pm outside the classroom. If your child is being collected by somebody who does not usually pick them up, please can you let the class teacher know by either leaving a message with the adult on the playground in the morning or by phoning the school office.

**Homework & Spellings**

* Every Friday, your child needs to bring in their green spelling book. As they will be tested on their spellings and new spellings will be given out. Please help your child to practise their weekly spellings using the ‘Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check’ Method:

‘*Look at the word, say the word, cover it up, write the word, check the word’*

* Your child needs their green mental maths/skills practise book on Friday as they will be given a test and new work will be set for the following Friday.
* Because of Covid 19 and our desire to limit cross infection between work going to and from home/school, your child’s homework will be set on SeeSaw on Fridays. However, from time to time, your child will also be given a project to complete. Please help your child with their homework, if needed, but don’t do it for them. You could ask questions about it to ensure they understand. If you ever have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

**Welcome to Year 5**

Your child’s class teacher is **Miss Barrett** and **Mrs Wheatley** is your child’s teaching assistant. Mrs Williams also covers Miss Barrett’s Deputy Headship time and Mrs Robinson covers PPA on Thursday afternoons.

**Topics**

In Year Five this year, our topics will be:

* Superheroes (Earth and Space)
* Skara Brae (a Neolithic settlement)
* Rainforests/Kensuke’s Kingdom

**What your child needs each day**

Your child will be receiving reading books weekly instead of daily at the moment. If you could bring your child’s reading wallet to school on a Thursday, we will clean the books and put in new reading books for your child to read over the next week.

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| Monday | Dinner envelope if required |
| Tuesday | PE\* |
| Wednesday |  |
| Thursday | Reading wallet, PE\* |
| Friday | Spelling book, Mental maths book |

*\* PE: Jewellery, watches, metal hairclips and earrings must be removed before lessons.*

Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle so they can have a drink throughout the day. They also need a wipeable pencil case including a rubber, pencil crayons/wax crayons and a pencil sharpener; this will also be kept at school.

**School Bags**

We need to keep our corridors as uncluttered as possible so please do not send backpacks and large bags to school. Your child can bring their small Durham Lane bookbag to school every day. If you do not have one of these, we sell them for £4. You can send the money in an envelope to your class teacher and they will give one to your child at the end of the school day.

**Snack**

If your child would like to bring a snack, they can bring their own piece of fruit or veg to eat at morning playtime. Just a reminder to make sure small fruit such as grapes and tomatoes are cut in half to prevent choking.





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**Reading**

Reading is still extremely important in Year 5. At school, your child’s reading skills will be developed through weekly guided reading and independent reading. Please ensure that you listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. It might be beneficial to read a page and have questions prepared for your child to answer. Some children like to think of questions for their parents to answer and this can be a fun way of sharing a text. Some children in Class 5 will be given set texts to read and these will be handed out on Fridays; please ensure these books are in your child’s reading wallet on Thursdays so that we can collect them and disinfect them. Please write in your child’s reading record which book they have read and how well they have tackled the text or any problems they may have had with the book. If your child has chosen a book from the class library or are reading a book from home, please record this in their reading record and comment on how they have coped with the text.

**Any problems or concerns**

If you have any problems or concerns, we operate an ‘open door’ policy. This is very difficult at the moment, but please do not hesitate to ask if you would like to talk to your child’s class teacher. We will be checking the children’s reading records at least once a week so please feel free to write a message in there or you can pass a message on to the adult in the playground who will be pass it on to your child’s teacher.

Your child’s class teacher is always your first point of contact. If you are dissatisfied, the first person to contact is Mr Beane, the Key Stage Two Team Leader and, if you are still concerned, please contact Mrs Gregory, our Head Teacher.

We hope to solve problems promptly and with care and are always happy to discuss your concerns.

We appreciate your continued support.

Year 5

Key Stage Two