

Welcome to Year 5



Meet the Year 5 team

Mrs Reid (5RW)

Mrs Watts (5RW)

Mr Conway (5C)

Mrs Hancock (5H)

Mrs Smart, Mrs Kilgallon, Mrs Bristow—
teaching assistants

The school day

Cartons of milk are given to the children after they arrive at school – please let the school office know if your child no longer wants this milk.

Assembly is on a Monday, Wednesday every other week and Friday celebrations.

Break is at 10.50am and after this, the children eat fruit / snack in the classroom. Children can bring their own fruit into school or can eat the fruit / snack provided (apples, bananas, brioche, malt loaf).

School day continued

Lunch time is at 12.30. Packed lunches will be eaten in the classroom and school dinners will be eaten in the main hall.

Back into class at 1.30 to resume lessons.

At home time, the children will be leaving school via the toilets – please can you wait in same place as last year.

Packed lunches

Please do not send any nut related food in your child's lunch box due to allergies.

Please reiterate to your child that they are not to share packed lunch items.

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- Children are given approximately 30 minutes to eat their lunch.
 - All children wash their hands before eating.
 - Please pack your child's lunch in a rigid container to prevent it from becoming squashed or staining books and clothes.
 - Drinks should be brought in plastic containers and for safety reasons fizzy drinks, glass bottles, cans and thermos flasks with hot drinks should not be used.
 - Avoid over catering for your child. See our packed lunch suggestions overleaf.
 - Make sure your child's name is clearly visible on the outside of their packed lunch box.
 - Please remember to pack spoons or other utensils that your child will need to eat their lunch as we are unable to provide them.
 - Uneaten food will be returned in the lunch box.
 - Please do not include sweets or lollies.
 - Ensure to cut grapes (top to bottom) as they have the potential to be a choking hazard.
 - As part of our school's Eco-Code, we encourage parents to package food using reusable containers in order to reduce disposable waste.
 - Nuts and peanut butter sandwiches must not be brought to school as we have children who are allergic to these.
 - If your child should forget their packed lunch, a school meal will be provided. This will be ordered immediately and cannot then be cancelled. Parents will be billed for the meal.
 - Changes to/from packed lunches are enabled by completing the form on Parent App.



What your child needs in school

Named water bottle.

Reading book: we will be looking at the children's reading levels as soon as possible so that they can find the most appropriate book for their reading level.

Named coat.

Sensibly sized pencil cases for afternoons only as all equipment provided.

Reading in Year 5

We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader and the children will be given reading time in school most days.

They will also be expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes a day. It is vital they do this and your support is much appreciated.

Children will be given a bookmark to log their reading page

Parents can sign up to receive an email once your child has quizzed on a book.

P.E.

- P.E. kits should be in school for the term and P.E. is usually on a Monday afternoon. Trainers are encouraged for outdoor P.E.
- Swimming is on a Tuesday like last year. If your child has not yet attended swimming lessons, they will be invited to at some point this year (they will get a letter).
- Unless your child is able to take out earrings, please can they not wear them on P.E. and swimming days.

Homework

Homework is given out on a Friday, due in the following Friday.

It will be marked in class, as a class.

Homework details will be sent home via Seesaw.

There will be an optional homework drop-in session on a Friday at 1pm (lunchtime) which gives children an opportunity to complete their work if they are struggling to access homework at home.

Seesaw

Photos will be uploaded to show some current work and events or to send reminders.

It's a great way for us to communicate with you.

Remember that your child has a home learning code

which is the same as last year.



Seesaw

Topics this year

- Anglo Saxons and Vikings
- Local geography study
- Fair Trade
- Biomes
- Local history - Blackpool
- Ancient Greece

Special events in Year 5

Viking Visitor (14th October)

Bikeability (January)

Trip to climbing / bouldering wall in Preston (November)

PALs

Fieldwork trip to Stanley Park (December)

Careers focus (March) – volunteers much appreciated!

Swimming galas at the end of the academic year

How to help your child in Year 5

Please encourage your child to play on Times Table Rockstars every day if possible. It could just be 5 minutes.

Look at the termly key instant recall facts with your child. Help them to learn and practise these facts so that they can confidently recall them (these will be added onto Seesaw)

Please listen to your child read or encourage them to read independently for at least 20 minutes each day.

Have a chat with us if you have any problems or worries.

Motivate your child to complete their homework on time.

General information

If you wish to contact us, please catch us at the end of the school day or via the office / parentApp.

PTFA opportunities – 17th September at 3.30pm

Opening Evening date – Wednesday 2nd October

Just as a reminder, please do not send any food in for your child's birthday to be shared with the class.

Please inform the office of any changes to your child's collection arrangements at the end of the day.