



What do I need to know for Year 5?

What do I need to bring into school?

- Reading book and reading diary *daily*
- Yellow spelling book *daily*
- Games will be on a Friday afternoon. NAMED PE kit – please ensure that children have trainers (plain, dark coloured) jogging bottoms and sweatshirt in school, along with their plain, dark coloured shorts and **House coloured t-shirts** (please speak to the school office for further information). We go outside on even the coldest days so children need appropriate clothing! A change of socks is also helpful, in case feet get wet, and for those that wear tights in the cooler months.
- NAMED Water bottles (not cups) *daily* – refilled at home.

What is the school uniform policy? Should hair be tied up?

- For both the Infant and Junior children, our school colour is bottle green with either black or grey trousers/shorts, skirts/pinafores and flat black shoes.
- Long hair should be completely tied back and we request that hair-bands and hair accessories should only be black or green.
- From October half term, juniors are expected to wear plain white shirts and ties. During the summer (from after Easter break through to October half term) children can wear polo shirts without ties. Girls are welcome to wear green gingham check summer dresses.

My child is going home with someone else, is this ok?

Yes! However, we MUST know. If you are unable to do this, please speak to the office who will let us know.

My child has pierced ears, can they use tape to cover them for PE and swimming?

In Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, ALL jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming. Taping for any reason is not allowed. This means that if pupils cannot take their own earrings out, they will have to sit out of PE until they can remove their earrings.

Homework

What is expected?

Reading at least 4 times a week, discussing the text and vocabulary.

Spellings (lists and games will be found on <https://www.spellingshed.com>) and children can use Mathletics to review any mathematics that may need consolidation. Please support your child in learning their Spellings. They will need to be practised regularly in order to ensure that they can recall correct spellings.

There will also be a half termly project piece of homework. This will usually last for 3 weeks and we encourage help from parents. This is the opportunity for your child to talk to you about their learning and even learn a new skill (with the help of an adult!) such as cooking, woodwork or craft.

When is it set?

Each Wednesday (Spellings).

Test will take place on Wednesday.

Project based homework at the end of each half term.

How do you check my child's progress?

Weekly quizzes on the spellings, topic subjects. Reading comprehension is assessed using Accelerated Reader. We use the Hertfordshire reading test to regularly assess your child's ability to read words.

What do I do if I have a concern?

If you need to speak to us, please pop in and see us at the beginning or end of the day and we will do our best to see you, or arrange an alternative time.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact a Year 5 Team Member.

Best wishes

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Year 5 Team