Dear Parents / Carers,

**WELCOME TO YEAR 5**

We hope that everyone has a lovely holiday and will come back ready to begin Year 5.

To support your children in settling into their new year groups in September we have managed some early transition in a way which has enabled children to get to know their new teacher as well as their new peers. We hope that this, and the information below will help aid the return to school in September.

Our curriculum in September will be based around the text The Railway Children.  In English, we will be focusing a lot of our reading and writing around the novel and it links to our Geography topic of Distribution of Natural Resources and sustainability. During Maths lessons, we are focusing on number and place value as well as consolidating the four operations. Our Prime Learning Challenge for the first half term will be ‘How can we use the world’s resources responsibly?’ This will be a Geography led theme. In Science we will be learning about Forces. Through Art and Design, children will be learning about the artists Michelangelo and L.S. Lowry. We will be looking at Bradford based structures in light of the City of Culture and in Computing we will learn about Computing Systems and Networks - systems and searching.

**PE days**

Class 5.1 Friday

Class 5.2 Friday

Class 5.3 Friday

**Additional P.E dates (up to December)**

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| **5.1** | **5.2** | **5.3** |
| 4/9/24 | 11/9/24 | 18/9/24 |
| 25/9/24 | 2/10/24 | 9/10/24 |
| 16/10/24 | 23/10/24 | 6/11/24 |
| 13/11/24 | 20/11/24 | 27/11/24 |
| 4/12/24 | 11/12/24 | 18/12/24 |

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their designated day.**

**The PE kit uniform will consist of:  
·** Plain black joggers or shorts – no branding or additions  
· Plain black sweatshirt or hoody – no branding or additions  
· Plain black trainers – no branding or additions  
· Plain white t-shirt – no branding or additions

Please note that ear rings should not be worn for PE and should be removed for the day prior to leaving home or tape applied. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

**To be clear, it is ok to wear PE kit to school on PE days so no changing takes place.**

**Reading and Spelling**

Your child will be given a reading book and a reading journal to bring home and read (for at least 15 minutes every day). ***They will need to keep their reading journal and book in their book bags to bring to school every day.*** Spellings are sent home weekly for your child to practise and learn.

**Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes**

Children need to bring in a named water bottle into school every day. If they are not having a school lunch and are bringing their own in from home, we encourage this to be in a disposable bag or a small lunch box which can be wiped down easily.

**Homework**

Homework is an opportunity for you to share in your child’s learning, by supporting and encouraging them as they complete their homework tasks. The children will be able to choose to do homework in any order from the homework menu. While it should be primarily their work, please feel free to help them with any parts they find more challenging. Homework will usually be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Patankar, Mrs Baldwin and Miss Boulton

Year 5 staff