

YEAR 5 AUTUMN 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready for your child to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 5! We are looking forward to working together with you so that we can create a very exciting and productive year at Hazelmere for your child. We hope that you and your child enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 5 has to offer!

This term your child will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will be looking at many aspects of how the Ancient Greeks used to live, to compliment this in DT we will be looking at Greek food and in Art we will be making Greek vases. In science we will be looking at Forces and Earth and Space. In maths we will be following the National Curriculum for year 5 supported by White Rose Mathematics.

Expectations:

- As a school, we are developing all of our children as enthusiastic readers therefore reading will be a key part of the Year 5 curriculum and timetable. As well as the 'Reading Corner' we have in class, your child will be expected to read independently or with an adult **5 times a week**. Please can you ensure your child has their **reading book in school every day** and that you **sign your child's reading diary** when you have listened to them read at home. When listening to your child read, please question them about what they have read to check that they are reading with understanding and inference. If you would like a set of question prompts to use with your child, please let us know and we will willingly send you a copy home.
- **Spellings will be sent home weekly and tested the following week in school.** Please help your child learn their spellings using the look, cover, write, check method. These can be accessed online via Edshed. Log on details will be sent out.
- Your child will be set **Maths homework** - the maths tasks will be in line with learning in the class that week, these can be accessed online via Edshed. Log on details will be sent out.
- During the first half term all children will be doing **PE on** every week and 5..... children will be **swimming** on Mondays, 5 will start in January. Further information about swimming will be sent separately. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (plain white or red top along with black bottoms). **ALL JEWELLERY TO BE REMOVED** for PE and long hair to be tied back.

Throughout the year our team work is vital if your child is to make the progress they deserve. Please feel free to come and speak to Year 5 staff at any time if you have any concerns, using the reading diary as a point of contact or catching us on the gate. You can also contact us via email:

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