

**Knutsford Primary Academy**

**Welcome to Year 5**

# Staff

- Teachers: Mrs Rixon and Miss Ayre with Miss Layman
- PPA teachers: Mrs Freeman, Mr Smith and Ms Cooper
- TAs: Mrs Townsend

Your child may also come into contact with the following members of staff who work across the school:

- Mrs Denbigh (Inclusion Coordinator)
- Mrs McConnon

# Daily routines

- The children should arrive by 8.45am each day and, when the whistle blows, line up on the upper key stage 2 playground. If your child is late they will need to sign in at the office so they can be registered.
- At the end of the day the children will be brought down to the upper key stage 2 playground (by the lunch trolleys). If you are late for any reason your child will be sent to sign in at the office.
- There are separate KS1 and KS2 playtimes each morning. Our playtime is at 10.45 and lasts 15 minutes.
- Children are allowed to bring in a small healthy snack for playtime, this should be fresh fruit or vegetables. Please do not send your child in with cereal bars or chocolate.
- Lunchtime is at 12.15 - 1.20.

# Equipment

- We provide all the stationery your child needs for school but your child may choose to bring a **small** pencil case with basic equipment such as pens/pencils to write with and colouring pencils.
- If your child chooses to bring a bag to school it must be small enough to hang in the cloakroom. Some children put all of their equipment, including PE kit and trainers, in 1 large bag and carry it to and from school each day – there is no need for this, especially if it doesn't fit on their peg.
- A small water bottle – these can be purchased from the school office. Expensive varieties are not necessary.

# Topics

The main topics the children will be learning about are:

Autumn 1	Science – Living things and their habitats
Autumn 2	History – The Ancient Mayans
Spring 1	Geography – The Amazon Basin
Spring 2	Science – Forces and the Solar System
Summer 1	History – The Vikings
Summer 2	Science – Materials and their properties; Forces

Each half term you will receive a curriculum newsletter which outlines what we are aiming to teach in each subject.

Our residential visit to Phasels Wood has been provisionally booked for the Summer Term. You will receive a letter with the dates and all of the relevant information in due course.

# PE

- We have PE on Wednesday and Friday.
- PE kits should be in school every day in case of unavoidable changes to the timetable.
- Swimming is a statutory requirement in the National Curriculum. Lessons take place at Woodside Leisure Centre. This will take place in the Autumn term for Lime, and Spring term for Birch.
- The main focus of PE each term is as follows:

Autumn 1	Gymnastics (swimming for Lime) / Fitness
Autumn 2	Dance (swimming for Lime) / Lacrosse
Spring 1	Gymnastics (swimming for Birch) / Invasion Games
Spring 2	Dance (swimming for Birch) / Athletics
Summer 1	Gymnastics / Athletics
Summer 2	Gymnastics / Cricket

# Reading

- Reading is the key to success in many areas of the curriculum and we give it a very high priority at school.
- Your child should always have a reading book with them at school. Please encourage them to read from a variety of genres that are age appropriate – there is a recommended book list on the school website.
- Please support your child with their reading at home. We ask that you aim to check your child has read a minimum of 4 times a week and that you discuss their reading with them. Year 5 children still enjoy being read to and reading to you! We would like the children to record what they have read in their reading record. A success criteria for doing this has been stuck inside their reading record book. We will collect in the reading record books once a week.

# Reading – Book Bingo

We will be continuing book bingo alongside our reading. This will encourage the children to read across a range of genres and read books by different authors.



Choose a category of book to read using the choices below, and write the date and book title in the box. You need to read one book from each box. You will need to record your reading in your reading record as usual.

<b>Book of poems</b>	<b>Short story</b>	<b>Biography</b>	<b>Non-fiction book</b>
<b>Graphic novel</b>	<b>Book by Betsy Byars</b>	<b>Traditional tale</b>	<b>Myth</b>
<b>Newspaper or magazine article</b>	<b>Mystery and suspense</b>	<b>Book by Michael Morpurgo</b>	<b>Book from recommended year-5 reading list on the school website.</b>



# Phasels Wood



After many successful and positive visits with previous year 5 pupils, we are going to Phasels Wood again. This is a three day residential trip. The dates for the trip are: 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

National curriculum - 'take part in outdoor and adventurous activity (OAA) challenges both individually and within a team'

A more detailed letter will be sent with further information at a later date.

# Home learning

We would appreciate your support with homework:

- encourage your child to look after their home learning books/sheets and take a pride in their work
- provide a suitable place, away from TV, mobile phones and other distractions, in which home learning can be completed, whether working alone or with an adult
- monitor home learning and inform the class teacher if an issue arises
- support your child to plan their time and meet deadlines

# Home learning

Homework will be given out on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday.

Your child's homework will include:

- Time tables (including the inverse)
- Arithmetic questions
- Spelling activity - these will be:
  - words from the year 5 statutory list
  - words we will learning each week in class
- A punctuation or grammar activity

Your child will also be expected to spend ten minutes each week on Times Table Rock Stars.

If there are any issues with home learning then please speak to us in the first instance.

We ask that the children only spend  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour on their home learning.

We will test the children on their spelling words on a Thursday.

# Knutsford University



We are delighted to announce the return of Knutsford University! Knutsford University will take place on four consecutive Friday afternoons.

## **How do parents find out about courses?**

Parents are informed that the university is about to take place and what the courses are for that term in the Friday newsletter. At the same time Mrs Harding will ask if any parents would like to become involved by helping out. (Some parents even run courses for us and these have often been amongst the most popular.)

# School uniform



We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform at all times, including for PE:

<https://www.knutsfordprimaryacademy.org.uk/parent-info/school-uniform/>

All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

**Lost property!** We endeavour to return named items but most items in lost property are not named. Check by the lunch boxes.



# E-safety

E-safety is of paramount importance in today's world and it forms an ongoing theme in our computing curriculum in each year group. The e-safety codes we use with the children, along with other information you may find useful, can be viewed on the school website.

<https://www.knutsfordprimaryacademy.org.uk/children-learning/e-safety/>

Please be aware of what your child accesses on computers, tables and phones at home. Unless you have the appropriate controls in place your child will be able to access more than cute kitten videos on You Tube.

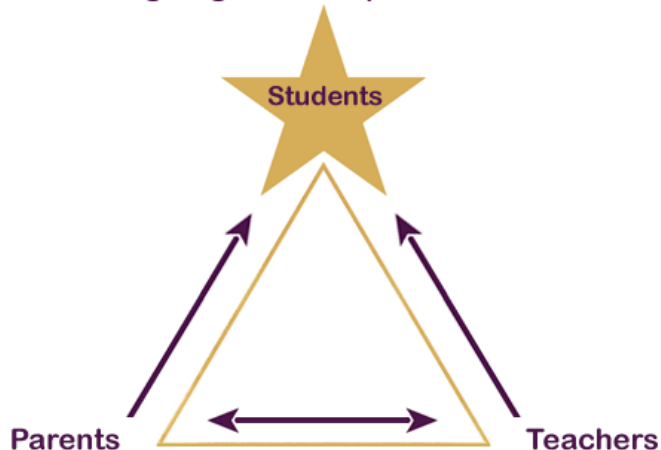


# Communication

Communication is a two way process. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any queries or concerns and we will do our very best to help in any way we can.

And vice-versa, we will contact you if we have any queries or concerns regarding your child's learning or behaviour.

**Working together equals success!**



**When teachers and parents work together,  
students can reach for the stars!**

How to contact us:

- Note to school with child
- Mornings (for very quick messages)
- After school
- Leave a message with admin staff and we will contact you
- Parent teacher consultation evenings

# Parental help

- Do you have any spare time?
- We are always looking for parents to come in and help, preferably on a regular basis. If you have half an hour to spare you could hear children read or help them learn their spellings, number facts or multiplication tables. Have a chat with the class teacher if you would like to offer regular help.
- If you can't help regularly, maybe you have knowledge or a skill related to an aspect of the curriculum we cover this year. Have a look at the half termly curriculum newsletters and let us know if you can help that term.
- Regular parental help is subject to satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks being carried out. Further information is available from Mrs Allnutt in the school office.





# Questions?

