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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 5! We are writing to give you some information about the following term in Year 5. We aim to keep you up-to-date with all changes as and when they happen.

Year 5 Team

- Mr. Soar, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Hunt will be sharing the class with Mr Soar teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, Mrs Hunt Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Atkinson Thursday and Friday. Mrs Evans and Mrs Sewter (Mornings only) will be the Teaching Assistants supporting the class from Monday to Friday.

Year 5 Curriculum

- The English curriculum will be broadly based around the Upper Key Stage 2 National Curriculum requirements, including Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
- Maths will be broadly based around the Upper Key Stage 2 National Curriculum requirements, including: calculation, problem solving and using and applying.
- The first half term Autumn term topic will be based on the Geography topic – **Globe Trotters!** The 2nd half term will be based around the Crime & Punishment – **Law and Disorder!**

Equipment

- Please ensure that your child comes to school with a pencil case. This should include a blue handwriting pen, 15cm ruler, a rubber, some HB pencils, a small selection of colouring pencils, a small pair of scissors and a small glue stick.

Homework

- **Reading** - Please ensure the Record Records are in School on Monday to be checked. We expect the children to read two age-appropriate books per half term. Once your child has read a book, sign the diary and show a Year 5 adult who will give your child a raffle ticket. Once they have two raffle tickets, they will automatically qualify for Reading Mufti at the beginning of each new half term (dates will be advised).
- We like the children, where possible, to have two reading books – one book that will challenge their understanding and vocabulary. This maybe a book that they read with you at home that may need your help with decoding some tricky words or help with meaning. The other should be a purely 'read for pleasure' book. It

may be a Tom Gates, David Walliams or something that can be read completely independently.

- **Recommended Reading List** - Please find included a Year 5 recommended reading list. The list is extensive so please don't feel that it is a list where all books should be read – more a list of suggestions should you wish to look for other ideas.
- These books will challenge understanding and vocabulary. These links also provide links to recommended Year 5 Reading.
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>
- Our class read this term is 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd – we have some copies in school but if you would like to buy a copy for the class then please head to the LoveReading4Kids link below. Any contributions will be greatly received!
<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/6df7b432baa7aba7ff024f5b5bd57944>
- **Maths/English – Weekly** homework will be given by the class teacher via **Google Classrooms (online)** and **Planpanion worksheets**. We will discuss expectations with the children in class and show them how to use it. We will send home reminder usernames and logins in due course. The new class code is: **7rtiqzzj**
- **Subject Selfie homework** or a research topic will be set at the end of each half term.
- **Times Tables**. The children will continue to use the popular **Times Table Rockstars** online. Year 5 children should know Times Tables up to 12 x and should keep practising in order to maintain fluency and speed of them.
- **Spelling** – spellings will be set on **Monday** and tested on **Friday**. The children will practice their spellings daily at school through various activities, but the children can use their Spelling Shed logins to practise their Spellings at home.

PE

- During the Autumn term, PE & Games will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** with Mr Soar and Mrs Hunt. The children may come in full PE kit on these days. This includes trainers, jogging bottoms, a Whitchurch t-shirt and hoodie. The children can bring their school shoes - or alternatively a different pair of trainers - in case these get wet. The spare trainers can be kept at school if you choose.

Communication

- We will message details of the children's weekly learning and any other key information/reminders using 'Class Story' on Class Dojo on a Friday evening.
- Should you need to discuss any concerns or queries you may have, please feel free to arrange, via the office office@whitchurch.bucks.sch.uk or Class Dojo, a time to meet with us. Alternatively, please catch us once all the children have been dismissed at the end of the day. **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** are the best time to meet myself should you need anything more than a quick chat. Mrs Atkinson will be available afterschool on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** too.

- Please note Mr Soar and Mrs Atkinson access the same Year 5 Class Dojo system. Mr Soar will answer Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Atkinson, Thursday - Friday.

PGL Windmill Hill

- The residential has been provisionally booked to take place between **Monday 27th April 2026 and Friday 1st May 2026**. The trip will be for Year 5 only. An Information session is being held on the **Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 3:30pm in the Year 5 classroom**. Your children are welcome to attend too. Please put a note in your diary for this.

Board Games

- Finally, do you have any old board games lying around at home that you no longer use? If so, and if they are suitable for year 5 children, please bring them in for us to use during wet play times!

We are very much looking forward to sharing the learning journey with your child and hope that this can be achieved as a partnership together.

Kind regards,

Mr Soar, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Evans and Mrs Sewter