

Jaguars' Class

Autumn Newsletter



Welcome back! You have officially made it to Year 5! The past few years have by no means been easy but we have everything crossed that this year will bring a sense of normality back to school as well as all those routines we used to do but will have to relearn! I can't wait to be your teacher again, this year is going to be amazing!

Mrs Tolley

School day

We can say, "So long!" to staggered drop offs! There is a five minute window between 8.35am – 8.40am where the children will need to be dropped off at school. As before you can leave your children at the gate. When you enter the grounds, if you could line up along the hedge outside our classroom door, I will be there to greet you with some hand sanitiser and a cheeky grin. Once you have entered the classroom, you will need to put your belongings away before finding your desk and quickly getting started on the challenge that will be on the board. Pick up time will be between 3.15pm – 3.20pm.

What are we learning?

This half term, we are going to hit the ground running with our new learning as well as constantly linking back to last year's learning. Our maths learning is going to look at our place value knowledge before moving onto methods to solve problems. In English we will explore both fiction and non-fiction writing styles including myths and legends!

In the wider curriculum, we are going to be looking at the Ancient Greeks in history, looking at living things and their habitats in science and the countries of the world including their environmental regions in geography. We will also get the opportunity to explore our creative sides with art skills and DT, programming in computing as well as our usual RE, music, PE and French sessions.

PE and swimming

Please, please, please can you make sure that all PE kits are **named clearly**. Things always have a way of going missing! We have PE on a Thursday morning. Please could the children come into school wearing their PE kit as it'll save time and give them a longer session. They will **NOT** need a change of clothes as they will be in their kits all day.

We swim on Monday mornings. We are asking that the children wear their swimming kits underneath their clothes that morning and bring spare underwear to change into afterwards. If the children do not bring their swimming kits in, they will be staying at school. Earrings **MUST** be taken off the day of each session.

Homework and spellings

Homework will continue to be uploaded to Showbie. I will release homework on a **Friday after school** and I expect it to be completed by the following **Thursday**. There will be a maths, English and reading task and a knowledge organiser to read with a few questions as well as the weekly spellings.

Recommended Reading List

Please see this term's reading list for you to immerse yourselves in this term. As a school, we are really encouraging our children to immerse themselves with reading. As a massive reader myself, I cannot wait to start talking so much more about books. The recommended reading list is a list of texts that I have suggested would be worth reading throughout the autumn term and there will (hopefully) be links to the learning that takes place in our classroom.

Messages and contact

As we are encouraging children to be dropped off at the gate when they enter school, please could I ask that any messages for me be sent on Dojo.