

## Meet the Teachers - Year Five -September 2021.

This is the information that we would normally share at a 'Meet the Teachers' session in school.

### Class Teachers/Teaching Assistants

Maple Class will be taught by Mrs Campbell on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Madgwick on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs B Wilson will teach the class on Wednesday afternoons.

Rowan Class will be taught by Mrs A Wilson. Mrs McConnell will teach the class on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Mrs Brown, Mrs Hinson and Mrs Ward will also work with the children, particularly in literacy and maths activities.

### Organisation

We encourage the children to be responsible for looking after their own belongings and those provided for their sole use in the classroom. Each child has their own stationery pack and we will expect them to keep this in good order. They will need no further pens etc from home, however children may now bring small school bags if they have things they need to carry. Our classroom gets very warm and we remind you that your child should have a named, ideally spillproof, water bottle in school with them each day.

### PE

On PE days the children should come in their school PE Kit which they will then wear all day. These days may change on a termly basis but we will keep you posted.

For swimming (Autumn term only), they need to bring their kit to school with them (detailed on swimming letter) and wear their school uniform.

	Maple	Rowan
Autumn A	Monday PE, Friday Swimming	Monday and Friday PE
Autumn B	Monday and Friday PE	Monday PE, Friday Swimming

### Year Five Maths Targets

The national expectation for Maths by the end of Year Four includes the following:

- Knowing by heart the facts for the times tables up to 12X12
- Know the number bonds for 100 and 1,000 eg  $65 + 35 = 100$
- Be able to find fractions of numbers eg three quarters of 20
- Be able to add and subtract in your head eg  $34 + 19 =$

In light of the disrupted previous academic years, we appreciate that children will be at different stages on their learning journeys. To allow us to address this, the children will be taught maths across the year group so that children can be best taught the objectives that are appropriate to them. As with all skills, we know that children learn at different paces and our expectation is only

that all of the children try their best and make the progress that they are capable of. This means your child may be with Mrs Wilson OR Mrs Campbell/Ms Madgwick for maths.

Moving forwards, the national expectation for Maths by the end of Year Five includes the following:

- Counting in 1s and 10s forwards and backwards within 1000000, being able to cross into negative numbers
- Using formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Working with fractions and decimals in calculations
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10/100 etc up to 100000 or whole numbers for decimals
- Using strategies to solve problems with multiple steps and appropriate ways to check the answers

### Reading in Year Five

By Year Five most children are reading fluently and the focus of our reading is usually on understanding the text. In school we have a 'Class reader' which is the focus for both reading aloud and comprehension (VIPERS)

- **V**ocabulary-What does that word mean? Why did the author use that word?
- **I**nference-What is suggested in the text but not said directly?
- **P**rediction-When do you think this text is set? How do you know?
- **E**xplaining - How is the text organised? Why has the author done that?
- **R**etrieval -Can you find information in the book to support what you are saying?
- **S**equencing/Summarising -Can you sum up the key points in the text, and remember the order?

Some children may also read a separate book individually, or as part of a group, with a member of staff.

**Home reading books** are chosen by the children from a selection at the appropriate level for their reading skills. These come home on WEDNESDAY and must be returned on MONDAY. Please record what has been read at home in the reading record. It is beneficial if you can still support your child with their reading, ideally by asking VIPERS style questions. Examples of these will be provided on a sheet in your child's reading bag.

### Writing in Year Five

By Year Five most children are able to write confidently for a range of purposes. When we are marking the children's work we focus on:

- Correct use of punctuation
- Imaginative use of language
- Starting sentences in interesting ways
- Using connectives
- Using known spelling patterns
- Joining handwriting

## Theme Days/Trips in Year Five

Autumn is a busy term with the forthcoming trip to Robinwood and all the lovely Christmas activities, including the pantomime, which we have missed in the previous year. Our first theme day is for our Egyptian topic, towards the end of Spring Term A (dates tbc). We learn about World War II in the Summer term and visit Eden Camp in North Yorkshire for the day. The children dress up as evacuees/soldiers etc for this visit.

Our other topics are Raiders and Invaders - the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, Rivers and Mountains and Global Trade.

## Swimming

As detailed above, each class has a block of swimming lessons in Autumn term - Maple in Autumn A, Rowan in Autumn B.

## Homework

The children will receive weekly Maths and English homework in Year 5 which will be set on Class Dojo. Homework tasks will be set on a Wednesday (Starting from 22<sup>nd</sup> September) and should be submitted by the following Wednesday. To complete homework tasks, your child will need to log into their Class Dojo account, via your parent account. The Class Dojo account will have the same username and password created when you set up your Class Dojo parent account last year, in order for your child to complete remote learning tasks during isolation or lockdown. Homework tasks will be marked electronically and the children will receive relevant feedback. If you have any problems accessing Class Dojo, please get in touch and we will do what we can to help. The children can also access their Mathletics and Readwriter spelling accounts at home to complete additional homework tasks if they wish!

We are really looking forward to a more 'normal' school year and are excited about the topics and activities we have planned. We hope your child is too!

Thank you for your continuing support and as always, please do get in touch if you have any queries.

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