



Decoy Community Primary School And First Steps Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below the information that you will need for this term in Year 5. We hope that it is useful, but do please get in touch if you need any other information.

Curriculum – Our school website contains details of our whole school curriculum. In addition, please find a list below of topics being covered in Year 5 this Spring Term.

- PSHE – Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me
- Art and Design – Sculpture, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Miro.
- Computing – We are architects, We are web developers
- Design and Technology – The Great British Bread-off!
- English – Writing stories (based on *Kensuke's Kingdom*), Biographies, Poetry
- Geography – Know Your Globe
- History – Local History (a study of the Stover Canal)
- Mathematics – Multiplication, division, area and perimeter, fractions
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) – Mi casa, hábitats
- Music – Learning rhythmic notation, beats and bars
- Religious Education – Why do Christians believe that Jesus is The Messiah? Why is The Torah so important to Jewish people?
- Physical Education – Dynamic Dance (Bollywood), Mighty Movers (Boxerise), Nimble Nets (Tennis), Cool Core (Pilates)
- Science – Properties and changes of materials

Reading – in Year 5, the books that your children are reading usually come from the library as part of our Accelerated Reader scheme. We encourage you to discuss and question your child on their reading book; this will help them when they come to quiz. Obviously, the comprehension of the text is very important and a child cannot move onto the next level of books until their understanding is secure. Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes can be taken at home but it is vital that children take these quizzes independently without adult support. Children's usernames and passwords will be written into the front of the reading record. The website for taking quizzes can be found at: <https://ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/2236651/default.aspx> and can be found on our Google Classroom.



Children should record which page they have read up to in their reading record and make a quick comment. We recommend that children try and read for at least ten minutes, at least once a day. If your child takes a quiz, this should also be recorded, along with their score. Please can an adult at home sign the reading record comments **four times a week** in order to evidence that your child has read. Helping our children to become fluent readers is perhaps THE most important thing we can do for them. Reading books and records need to be in school every day; we will check and sign reading records every **Wednesday** to make sure that children are keeping up with their reading.

Homework – we will give homework once a week on a Friday, and collect books back in the following Wednesday. We will usually set maths, spellings and occasionally topic-related homework. Children should complete their Sparx times tables every week, just as they did in Year 4. Information about Sparx, including how to login into a child's account, is stuck into the homework book. We will mark homework with ticks and a brief comment, and if there are any issues, we will talk to children about these at school. We do expect the children to present their work neatly to the standard they know is expected in their school books.

PE – as you are probably aware, PE is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. For the time being, children can come to school in their PE kit on PE days.

Snacks – we would like to continue to have your support to promote healthy snacks at break time. **Please avoid sending in crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars, or anything containing nuts,** and instead **encourage the children to eat a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or breadsticks, for example.**

Labelling – please may we kindly ask that all jumpers, coats, drinks bottles and packed lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name. As we are sure you will appreciate, finding and returning un-named lost property to children can be time consuming. It is also frustrating for parents/carers when items are lost.

E-mails – Mr Ball can be emailed at sball@decoyschool.co.uk, Mrs Doets can be reached at ndoets@decoyschool.co.uk and Mrs Searle at dsearle@decoyschool.co.uk. Please be aware that it is school policy that there is no expectation for staff to respond to emails outside of their working hours. Mrs Searle teaches Owls Class on Monday mornings.

Thank you for your support,

Mr S Ball and Mrs N Doets
Year 5 Class Teachers