

Welcome to Year 5 Parents Information

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The image shows the words "Year 5" in a stylized, purple, 3D font. The letters are thick and have a textured, shaded appearance, giving them a three-dimensional look. The text is set against a plain white background.

Our Topics

- Countryside or Country pushed aside?
 - Geography /DT focus
- Ancient Egyptians- History focus
- Space– The arts focus

- Possible trips for the Spring/Summer term
- History off the page
- Stevenage Space Centre/ Music and Drama day



The School Day



- English , Maths and Reading are taught daily within school.
- English is taught through a variety of genres and concepts linked with the children's topic
- Maths will be taught through the White Rose maths scheme.
- Foundation subjects are taught in afternoon sessions alongside the continuous teaching of PHSE and Philosophy and French.
- PE: Year 5's outdoor PE day is Thursday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit.
- Daily Dose: Each morning the children will take part in 15 minutes of fitness.

Our Expectations

- Daily reading is essential. The reading stamina and expectations of the SATs assessments are becoming more and more demanding so reading fluency is essential. Children are also expected to access reading on Bug Club online at home.
- Spelling rules will be taught and practised in school weekly in class.
- Times tables are expected to be practised regularly at home on Times Table Rockstars.



Daily reminders

- Children are expected to be in school between 8:45-8:55. During this time, children will complete early morning work. If children miss this time daily, that equates to fifty minutes key learning a week.
- Children will need to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day.
- Children need to bring a water bottle to school daily which they will keep at their desk.

How parents can help

- Reading with your child of an evening and questioning them on what they have read to you.
- Support your children with the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Instant recall of times tables are absolutely essential by the time the children have reached Year 5 and there are still gaps in the children's learning
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in order for them to participate fully in PE lessons.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

- Year 5 Autumn 1
- I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10
- By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Some examples:	$0.6+0.4=1$	$3.7+6.3=10$	$0.75+0.25=1$	$4.8+5.2=10$
	$0.4+0.6=1$	$6.3+3.7=10$	$0.25+0.75=1$	$5.2+4.8=10$
	$1-0.4=0.6$	$10-6.3=3.7$	$1-0.25=0.75$	$10-5.2=4.8$
	$1-0.6=0.4$	$10-3.7=6.3$	$1-0.75=0.25$	$10-4.8=5.2$

Children should also be able to answer questions including missing number questions
eg $0.49 + \underline{\quad} = 10$ or $7.2 + \underline{\quad} = 10$

Top Tips for KIRFs

The secret to success is practising little and often. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once. Perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas please speak to your child's teacher.

Buy one get three free – if your child knows one fact eg $8+5=13$, can they tell you're the other three facts in the same fact family? ($5+8=13$, $13-5=8$, $13-8=5$)

Use number bonds to 10 – how can number bonds to 10 help you work out number bonds to 100?

Play games – there are missing number questions at <http://www.conkermaths.org/>

See how many questions you can answer in just 90 seconds. There is also a number bond pair game to play.

Reading list for Year 5

Here is a list of suggested reading books for Year 5:

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, Joan Aiken

Varjak Paw, SF Said

Wolf Brother, Michelle Paver

Street Child, Bertie Doherty

The Midnight Fox, Betsie Byars

Tom's Midnight Garden, Philippa Pearce

FARThER, Grahame Baker-Smith

The Crossover, Kwame Alexander

The Faraway Truth, Janae Marks

Clean Getaway, Nic Stone

