



Welcome Back

The children have settled in to Upper School so well and the adults in the area are really proud of them all!



Year 5 Team

Polar Bear Class

Teacher: Mrs Berry and Mrs Lancaster

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Williams

Additional adults-Mrs Lawes and Miss Choules

Arctic Fox Class

Teacher: Mr Fox

Teaching Assistant: Mr Robinson

1:1 assistant Miss Kurz

Penguin Class

Teacher: Miss Batsford

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Crossan

PPA Teachers: Miss Best and Mrs Huntley



Daily Timetable

School starts: 8:40

Break time: 11:00 - 11:20

Lunch: 1:00 - 1:45

Home: 3:00

Please eat a good breakfast and bring a substantial but healthy snack!

Reminder: No nut products please



Lessons

Your child will spend most of the school day with their class teacher. However, for maths or spelling they may be taught by another adult within the year 5 team.

Some children may also get taught by another adult for phonics or reading.

LITERACY

Our first short film unit, 'The Eye of the Storm' will focus on revisiting Year 4 skills to identify any gaps in learning before moving into our 'Princess Blankets' book unit.



MATHS

We will begin the year by looking at place value, before moving onto addition and subtraction.



SCIENCE

In our Science unit, living things and their habitats, we will be looking at and comparing the life cycles of different animals and how different plants reproduce.



GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

In our combined History and Geography unit, we will be looking at why Reading is located where it is and how the land is used. We will also be looking at Reading in the past and comparing it to Reading today.

FRENCH

In our French lessons we will be learning to talk about the weather and doing a forecast in French.



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Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th September 3.15pm Meet the Year 5 teachers
Thursday 10th October - Mrs Berry / Mrs Lancaster's Class Assembly
Thursday 12th June - Miss Batsford's Class Assembly

PSHE

PSHE for the first part of the term will focus on myself and others, where we will be exploring healthy friendships and managing our emotions.



PE

This half term, we will be developing our skills in tennis and cricket.

PE days:

Polar Bears: Thursday and Friday
Arctic Fox: Thursday and Friday
Penguins: Thursday and Friday

RE

In RE this term, we will be looking at the question 'Do beliefs in Karma Samsara and Moksha help Sanatanis lead good lives?'



ART

In art, we will be working on creating tone with our sketching skills, based on the theme of animals.



COMPUTING and MUSIC

Our computing topic will be looking at staying safe whilst online.



In music we will be learning to play a brass instrument with our specialist music teacher.





Uniform

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What we expect to see:

- Grey/black school trousers or skirt/pinafore plus grey/black school shorts or royal blue school dress in summer months
- White shirt or white or blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- For girls – grey, white or black socks or tights

What is not acceptable school uniform:

- Jeans of any colour
- Tracksuit bottoms of any colour
- Tracksuit material shorts of any colour
- Leggings and sports leggings of any colour
- Hooded tops of any colour





PE Kits-Thursday and Friday

What we expect to see:

- Black shorts
- Grey or black leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Dark green polo top or GFJS polo top
- Trainers or black pumps

What is not acceptable PE Kit:

- Football shirts
- Studded boots
- School uniform
- Different kit with large logos/writing/pictures



Phones

- Phones should only come to school if your child walks to and from school alone. Please let the class teacher know if this applies to you.
- Phones should be turned off and taken to the office before coming through the tunnel.
- They can then be collected again at the end of the day once they have left the tunnel.
- Phones are brought into school at own risk.



School Values





Behaviour

In year 5, we celebrate positive behaviour in a variety of different ways:

- School values stickers
 - The Good Book
- Postcards sent home
- Speaking to you!



Reading

Children are expected to read a minimum of 3 times a week. Reading records are collected in weekly. Reading needs a parent signature.



Own Learning

Own learning is given out every Friday. It is also available to view on Google Classroom. Own learning can be completed online or in own learning books.



Trips/Visits

Reading town centre trip
Winchester Science Centre trip
Coastal trip

Inspire Week: 6th May - 9th May



Sharing Assemblies

Each class will have one sharing assembly a year:

Mrs Berry / Mrs Lancaster's class – Thursday 10th October

Mr Fox's class – Thursday 13th November

Miss Batsford's class – Thursday 12th June



Parent events

- Thursday 26th September: Supporting your child with reading at home 2:15 and 5:30
- Tuesday 26th November: Supporting your child with times tables at home 2:15 and 5:30
- Monday 16th December: Christmas Craft morning

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Concerns

Children

If your child is every worried or feeling unsure, all school adults are here to support them. Please encourage them to talk to someone.

Parents/Carers

If you are ever worried or have any concerns, please ring the school office and ask to speak to us.

School Staff

If we are ever worried or have any concerns, we will always ring you to discuss this.



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Questions about what is going on in school, special events and visits, term dates, own learning and lots of other information can often be answered by clicking on to our website.



Thank you for joining today, your support is appreciated.

If you ever have any questions, worries or ideas please don't hesitate to contact the school office and ask to speak to me or your child's teacher.

Year 5 is going to be a great year!