

Welcome to Year 5

Welcome to Year 5 and the exciting school year ahead. It will be a year where you will be challenged but with perseverance and determination, I know you will blossom. Working in Year 5 this year, will be myself, Miss Walters, Mrs Rogers and Ms Warren.



USA Road Trip

For our first topic, we will be taking a road trip around the USA. We will be focusing our drive on North America, looking at the human and physical features of this continent as we take our road trip. We will stop at Yellowstone and explore this National Park in greater detail: looking at the volcanic land, the geysers, prismatic spring and the indigenous animals. We will then arrive back in Derbyshire, where we will explore the Peak District; comparing this to Yellowstone. It will be a road trip to remember!

Weekly Routines

Monday - swimming and Forest School (more information below)

Wednesday - bring in reading journals so that daily reading can be checked. It's expected that, in Year 5, children read for twenty minutes, at least 5 times a week. I would advise having your journal and reading book in school every day.

Thursday - PE and bring in Maths homework - new homework to be given on Friday

Friday - reading comprehension homework due in (we will mark it together) and spelling test will be administered

Please note that spelling and homework routines will commence the week beginning the 13th of September.

Handy information for this HALF TERM

- **PE** will be on a **Thursday** with Mr Singh. We will start off with our Athletics unit. Please can children arrive dressed in their PE kit (plain white top, dark coloured bottoms).
- **Swimming** will be on **Monday's** and we will leave school at 9:15am. Can children please arrive to school with their swimming gear on underneath their school clothes. The swimming instructors have asked that girls wear a swimsuit/tankini and that boys avoid wearing large baggy shorts as they can impede pupil's movements in the water. Children will also need jewellery removed and have their hair tied back. The swimming guidance states that '*plasters covering newly pierced parts of the body will not be allowed due to plasters in the water becoming a choking hazard*'. The swimming time has been allocated by Derbyshire and we will have just 15 minutes to get changed and be back on the bus for school. Therefore, children will not need shampoo or shower gel as they will have a 'quick' shower. Our first swimming lesson will be on **September 20th**.
- **Forest School Monday afternoon**. Children will be split into two groups, with each group alternating every half term. If children have received a letter (stapled to this one), then they are in the first group and will be participating this half term. They will need to bring a bag of clothes (stated in the letter) to change into at dinner time. The other half of the class will be learning RE/ICT with Mr Read. They will switch after the half term holiday.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Miss Walters