

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new term at Mayfield. We hope it will be a very happy and successful year for your child in Year 5.

In this letter we aim to give you an indication of what your child will be covering in the curriculum, as well as other information, which we hope you will find useful.

Autumn Curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Greek Myths Non-chronological reports	Narratives based on WW2 fiction Recounts Balanced arguments
Maths	Y5 Fractions Y6 Place Value	Calculation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) Decimals
Science	Healthy lifestyles	Light and sound Forces, magnets and electricity
History	Ancient Greeks	WW2
R.E.	Big Questions and Ethics	identifying and explaining how Jews and Christians demonstrate their commitment to faith
P.E.	Hockey	Netball
P.S.H.E	Beginning and belonging Managing emotions Working together	
Art/DT	Collage Sculpture	Painting Sketching
French	regular activities	Les vêtements (clothes).

Water bottles: All children should bring a water bottle to school. It should then be left in class and taken home in home on a Friday to be washed and refilled.

Indoor shoes: Children need an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes with them at school. Sensible slippers may be worn as indoor shoes. These will be left in the cloakroom at the end of the day (for cleaning purposes). Children change their shoes multiple times a day, please consider not sending in shoes which take a long time for children to lace up.

PE: We will endeavor to do some indoor activities throughout the week, following Government guidelines. Outdoor PE lessons will be on **Monday** and children will need to come into school in their kit on this day. Hormones start to kick in, in Y5 and 6 so we would encourage your child to have a roll-on deodorant in their bag for personal hygiene.

Homework: Your child has been given a red homework book and this will STAY AT HOME. We will post the Maths KIRF and a weekly reading task on Seesaw. Your child is expected to complete it by the following **Wednesday**. The children are expected to read as much and as often as they can and are to spend no longer than **15 minutes** per task.

Do assist your child if necessary but without doing the work for them! It is also vital to read with your child on a regular basis this could involve you reading to them as well as them reading to you. Asking questions about what you've read is a great way to check children have understood what they've read.

Medication: Please be aware of the following:

Medication in School

If it is absolutely necessary for your child to be given a dose of antibiotics etc during the school day please take note of the following:

- ALL medication coming in to school must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dose (pharmacist's label if prescription medicine)
- You must also send in written permission and details of what time the medicine is to be given.

- All medicine to be handed in at the office.
- Your child should be instructed to go to the first aid room when their medication is due.

If your child needs an Asthma inhaler, this should be kept in the pink tray in class.

Playtime

Children are allowed to bring in **fruit or vegetable** for break times. Currently, due to the longer session between break time and lunch time, we are allowing the children to bring an extra savoury snack in. This could include, rice cakes (not chocolate covered ones), snack bars, bread sticks etc.

Independence:

Now that the children are in Y6, they are encouraged to have more independence at the end of the day. We are currently updating our 'Travelling to school' policy. In the meantime, if you wish for your child to walk home by themselves, please email your child's class teacher to confirm this. Collection time is 3:15pm from the junior gate.

Uniform: Children are encouraged to wear school colours (grey, blue or white).

In the current climate, the children must wear different clothes to school each day therefore, we are being flexible with uniform.

Other school rules:

No neck scarves are to be worn IN school- these are fine for outside but must be removed once inside.

Long hair is to be tied back.

Earrings: Studs are the preference for earrings. Children should be able to remove these themselves for their PE lessons. If not, activities within lessons will be adapted.

As you can see, we have a busy and interesting term ahead of us! We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child.

If you have any immediate concerns about your child we are happy to discuss these with you, please email the office at office@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk or feel free to contact us directly at pgarrod@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk and sfillary@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk. We will endeavor to reply when it is most convenient.

Yours sincerely,

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