

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to a new year 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	The story of Beowulf	First World War Poetry Recounts: Diary entries Letters
Maths	Place Value (Roman numerals, compare, order and round numbers up to 1,000,000) Addition and Subtraction with numbers of more than 4 digits Multiplication and division (multiples, factors, square numbers, cube numbers, prime numbers)	Multiplication and division (multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000) Fractions (equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions, compare and order fractions, adding and subtracting fractions)
Science	Forces	Properties of materials
History	Anglo-Saxons	WW1
R.E.	Big Questions and developing RE skills	
OUTDOOR P.E.	Touch rugby	Football
INDOOR PE	Swimming/gymnastics	Dance
P.S.H.E	Beginning and belonging Anti-bullying Citizenship - Working together	
Art/DT	Sculpture	TBC
French	Unit 1 Salut Gustave!	Unit 2 À l'école
Out and about	A range of curriculum focused outdoor activities that change weekly.	

Dates for the diary:

Thurs. 21st September: Meet the Teacher Evening 5.30 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 3rd October: Year 5 Trip to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and Botanic Gardens.

Thursday 5th October: School photos **Please email your child's class teacher if you would be willing to volunteer on our trip.**

Week beginning 9th October: Spirals week

Please look out for other key dates in the school newsletter

Water bottles: All children should bring a water bottle to school.

Indoor shoes: Children need an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes with them at school. In an emergency, their indoor shoes will need to be worn outside so please be mindful of this when choosing them. The indoor shoes are to be left at school at the end of the day.

PE: PE lessons are on **Tuesday** (Indoor/Swimming) and **Thursday** (Outdoor) afternoons. Hormones start to kick in, in Y5 so we would encourage your child to have a roll-on deodorant in their bag for personal hygiene.

Homework: Your child will be given a red homework book and this will STAY AT HOME. We will post the Maths KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) and a weekly reading and writing task on Seesaw each **Friday**. Your child is expected to complete the tasks and upload their work to Seesaw independently by the following **Wednesday**. If they are unable to do this, they can return their book to school to be marked. Printed copies of the homework will be provided to those who cannot access Seesaw.

Do assist your child if necessary but without doing the work for them – the tasks will all be planned to be completed independently. Your child should spend no more than 30 minutes on their homework.

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.

Playtime:

Children are allowed to bring in **fruit or vegetable** as a snack for breaktimes.

Independence:

Now that the children are in Y5, they are encouraged to have more independence at the end of the day. If you wish for your child to walk home by themselves, you must email the office (and copy in your child's class teacher) to let them know.

Mobile phones:

Children are allowed to bring a mobile phone with them to school if there is an appropriate reason (e.g. they walk home from school alone or they have a medical need that has been discussed with the teacher). This must be switched off at the start of the day and handed to the class teacher to be kept in a locked drawer, and will be returned at home time.

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 us at rbest@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk; jcaisova@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk and ajarman@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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