



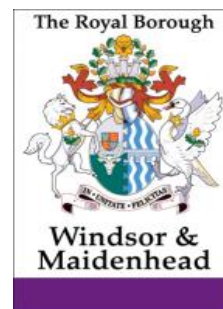
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To Parents/Carers of Children in Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you very much to all of you who kindly gave Christmas cards and gifts to the Year 5 staff. We were very touched by your show of appreciation.

Home Learning

Home learning will commence from the **second week** of term. Each child will continue to use their home learning book which lists weekly tasks that the children should complete in this book. Each week the children will have a **Reading task** as well as a **Maths task** to complete. The tasks should be completed independently where possible, in a quiet place free from any distractions. The suggested time taken on each piece is up to an hour.

Home learning books will be sent home with your child on a **Monday** and should be brought back in to be checked by the following **Monday**.

Reading

In addition to any reading done at school, all pupils in Year 5 should aim to **read at home every day**. Ideally, 20 minutes of reading each day is a good guideline. Some children may choose to read for longer. Parents should support their children's reading, not just simply by listening to them read at least 3 times a week, but also by talking to them about the story/text, checking comprehension and discussing the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary.

Books need to be brought in **everyday** with the record/journal in case they are asked to read. Please will you continue to provide a signature in their reading record/journal every time your child has read and whether they have completed the book.

Spelling

Each Monday morning, the class will be taught a different spelling rule or pattern. A copy of the spelling sheet used in these lessons will be sent home each Monday to allow continued practise of the words at home. These spelling words will be tested later in the week on a **Thursday** during our GaPS lesson.

PE

Outdoor PE for **both** classes will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**.

Indoor PE for **both** classes will be a **Friday afternoon**.

Please can children wear PE kits on the first day of term (Wednesday 3rd January) as a one off.



Children should continue to arrive at school in their full school PE kit on their PE days. Outdoor trainers and tracksuits may be worn. Please ensure that these conform to our uniform policy (available to view on the school website under 'information for parents'). Please can you ensure that all items of PE kit are clearly named included trainers.

This term Year 5 have been invited to take part in the 2024 Primary Dance Festival. Details of this event will be sent out at a later date.

Equipment

Please be aware that all children will need at least one pen plus a spare which they will use in many of the lessons. It is recommended that they have an appropriate writing pen that allows your child to write neatly. Your child should ideally have a named pencil case with pen, pencil, rubber, felt pens and colouring pencils to assist their schoolwork. We would like to remind children that they are allowed one palm sized toy in school at any time.

Tissues

We would like to thank you for continuing to send in boxes of tissues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office who will pass them on to us.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Julie Burton
Year 5 Giraffes



Mrs Hailey Forrest and Mrs Amelia Goodson-Smith
Year 5 Tigers

