



# Oldfield Primary School

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## To Parents/Carers of Children in Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to a busy Summer term. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Jaber to the Year 5 team who will be taking over as Giraffe class teacher from Ms Burton.

### Home Learning

Home learning will now focus on Foundation Subjects. The tasks should continue to 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 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 short comment in their reading record/journal every time your child has read and whether they have completed the book.

### Spelling

Each week, 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.

### PE

Indoor PE for both classes will continue to be on Friday afternoons. Outdoor PE for both classes will be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Children should continue to arrive at school in their full school PE kit on their PE days. 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.



**PSHE/RSE**

Over the Summer term, the children will be covering the topic of 'Growing up and Changes to the Adolescent Body' where Health Education will be taught. This topic covers hygiene routine and naming parts of the body using correct terminology. The children will also learn how the body changes during puberty including physical and emotional changes. In addition, they will be taught about the menstrual cycle.

**Trips**

We have an exciting trip and visitor for the children to look forward to during this term. More information on these will follow in due course.

**Equipment**

We have noticed many children without school water bottles. Please may you ensure you buy a school bottle as this is more practical in the classroom and adheres to our school policy. They are available to buy at the school office.

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.

**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,



Mrs Goodson-Smith  
Year 5 Tigers



& Mrs Forrest



Mrs Jaber  
Year 5 Giraffes