



# Oldfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year in Year 5. We hope that you had a very enjoyable summer break and the children are looking forward to the year ahead. Firstly, we would like to welcome Mr Marchant and Miss Whitelaw to the Year 5 teaching team. Miss Whitelaw is returning to Year 5 from Year 4 and will be teaching alongside Mrs Goodson-Smith in Tiger Class, while Mr Marchant will be moving to Year 5 from Year 2 to teach Giraffe Class.

We would like to draw your attention to some of the things that will be happening during the Autumn term. Year 5 is preparation for Year 6 and secondary transfer in terms of the children's work. We advise you have a timetable at home so your child can take responsibility in terms of managing schoolwork, after school clubs, and out of school activities.

## **Anglo-Saxon and Viking Day**

Save the date – **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. More details to be sent out closer to the time.

## **Home Learning**

Home Learning will commence from the first full week of term. Each child will bring home a Home Learning book for the children to record their Home Learning in. Each week weekly spellings and a maths task will be added to the book for children to complete at home. There may also be occasional additional Home Learning tasks which are more creative. Home Learning books will be sent home with your child on a **Friday** and should be brought back in to be checked on **Wednesday**. Children who do not return homework on a regular basis may be asked to attend Mrs Page's homework club on a Wednesday afternoon.

## **Spellings**

Each Thursday morning the children will be tested on the previous weeks spellings and taught a new different spelling rule or pattern to be tested on the following week. A copy of the spelling sheet used in these lessons will be sent home each Friday to allow continued practise of the words at home.

## **Reading**

Reading is a vital skill that will support your child throughout his/her life. For this reason, daily reading is necessary to ensure that fluency and accuracy develops, whilst fostering a love for reading and books. Your child will be coming home with a reading book and a



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yellow reading record each day. Both of these will need to be brought back into school on a daily basis. As you hear your child read or supervise their reading at home, please include a comment in their record. In order to incentivise the children to read at home on a daily basis and bring in their yellow reading record, children who bring in their yellow reading record with a comment/signature from their parent/carer will be entered into a prize raffle at the end of each term.

### **Swimming**

As per the letter sent out at the end of Year 4, the children will be attending weekly swimming lessons. Swimming lessons will begin on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and will continue throughout the whole of the Autumn term. The children will walk from school to Braywick and be back before lunch. Parents are very welcome to watch from the gallery, but only after the first week, as this is used as an assessment session allowing the Braywick staff to put the children into groups. Please make sure you send your child in with a suitable coat and additional footwear, according to the weather. If the weather is particularly bad, we will reserve the right to judge and cancel. **The children should come into school in their PE kit on Fridays.**

Please ensure that your child brings the following items each week:

- Swimming costume (No long beach shorts, proper swimming trunks should be worn)  
Girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit.
- Goggles
- Swimming hat for all children regardless of length of hair (including boys). Children will not be permitted to swim after the first week if they do not wear a hat.
- Towel
- Waterproof sock if your child has a verruca, or any foot infection
- Plastic carrier bag or waterproof bag for the wet costume. (Please do not send large bags as we do not have room in school to store them)

Please make sure each week that earrings are removed and no watches are to be worn for swimming.

### **PE**

PE for both classes will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**. The children are asked to come to school in their **school** PE kit. 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/labelled, including trainers.

### **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 and colouring pencils to assist their schoolwork. We would like this pencil case to remain in school (**children are limited to one pencil case in school**). We will have additional pencils and pens in school to support the children should they require them.

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

Yours sincerely,

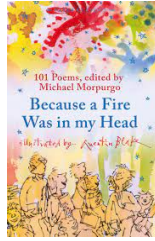
Mrs Goodson-Smith & Miss Whitelaw  
Year 5 Tiger

Mr Marchant  
Year 5 Giraffe

**Reading Spine – Year Five – Oldfield Primary**

Term	Key Text and Author	Title, author and publication date
Autumn 1	 	<p><b>Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo 1999</b></p> <p>When Michael is washed up on an island in the Pacific after falling from his parent's yacht, the <i>Peggy Sue</i>, he struggles to survive on his own. But he soon realises there is someone close by, someone who is watching over him and helping him to stay alive.</p>
Autumn 2	 	<p><b>Inspirational People (Katherine Johnson) 2019</b></p> <p>This life story of a remarkable mathematician has at least some of the answers. And Katherine Johnson wasn't just a brilliant academic, she was also black and female, which makes her achievements all the more impressive.</p>
Spring 1	 	<p><b>Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell Boyce 2019</b></p> <p>When Alfie goes to Airport Lost Property, he finds more than he bargained for. A lot more. Because there's a giant robot called Eric hidden away on the shelves.</p>
Spring 2	 	<p><b>The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q. Rauf 2020</b></p> <p>Hector is a bully who doesn't really care about anyone. When a spate of London landmark sculptures are suddenly stolen, including Paddington Bear and the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus, Hector must race against time to make sure justice is done - but that's not the only thing he needs to change.</p>
Summer 1	 	<p><b>Flotsam by David Wiesner 2006</b></p> <p>A young boy comes to the beach eager to collect and examine flotsam—anything floating that has been washed ashore. But nothing among his usual finds compares with the discovery of a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep.</p>

Summer 2



**Because a fire was in my head edited by Michael Rosen 2001**

We only have to 'remember, remember the 5th of November' to see a dark night filled with fireworks and bonfires. In their many different ways - through their sounds, rhythms, stories, surprises and jokes - these poems will set the fireworks crackling in our own heads.