

Autumn Term in 5B

Welcome Back to Handford Hall!



Dear Parents, Carers and Class members of 5B,

We hope you had a wonderful summer break. It has been great to welcome all the children back to school this week. I am very excited to share our learning for this term and look forward to a great year ahead!

English and Maths

In **English**, our topics will be classic fiction, instructions and explanations, gothic fiction, blogs and reports and poetic language.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on place value knowledge of 5 and 6 digit numbers, written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, decimals, fractions and measures.

Our other topics this term:

- Our IPC topic is the Ancient Mayans.
- **Science:** Living things and their Habitats and Forces
- **RE:** Will be continue to be taught through whole days focused on specific world religions.
- **PE:** Tennis, gymnastics, dance and team games

PE kit: Our days for PE are **Mondays and Thursdays**. Children must have their PE kit in school on these days. There may be other days when we choose to do PE, so it is important that PE kits stay in school every day. One session will be indoors, the other will be outdoors. For outdoor PE, the children will need dark coloured tracksuit trousers and a jumper for when the weather is colder. In year 5, **trainers** are preferred choice of footwear as they are suitable for all weathers rather than plim-solls.



Breaks times and lunchtimes: This term, year 5 will be using the playground for play times and lunchtimes. We will use the field at the start of the term, weather permitting.

Homework:

Spellings: The children will have spellings given to them on Mondays and these are then tested on Thursday.

Learning Logs: These will be sent home on Fridays and children will need to return these by the following Thursday.

Times Table Rock Stars: Online times table programme accessed through <https://trockstars.com/login>. Your child will have their log in details inside their reading journal.

How to support your child?

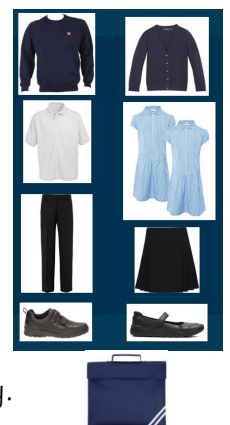
- Ensure your child is reading their reading books at home and discuss these with them
- Discuss learning logs tasks
- Ensure your child knows their times tables and spellings

Trips and Experiences: We have an exciting Mayan workshop happening at school in November!

School Uniform: We take pride in our appearance! Please remember to ensure that your child comes to school every day wearing the correct, named uniform. This includes suitable black school shoes, not trainers.

All children need school book bags and small PE bags rather than rucksacks due to limited space.

It is extremely important that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the school day, or alternatively arrange a telephone call through the office.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Blake