



Welcome back! The Year 5 team hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and that you are as excited as we are to start the Autumn term. The 2017-2018 academic year has a new look for Westgate Academy including a few changes in the Year 5 team. We have been working hard over the summer to create brand new sets of lessons with some incredibly positive and exciting changes coming in English, Maths, Science and Topic (Formally Theme). One big change will be in Maths. In Year 3 and 4, children have stayed with their class teacher for Maths. This year, the Year 5 children will be split into 'sets' so that we can teach children with similar targets, together. Children will not necessarily stay in the same set for the duration of the academic year and the initial sets already created by the Year 5 team may change when we assess the children again in October.

Welcome to Year 5!

This year the Y5 team is made up of the following teachers and teaching assistants;

5B Mr Breakell & Miss Howlett

5C Mr Cotton & Mrs Curtis

5L Mr Lanchbury & Mrs Flintham

5R Miss Robinson & Mr Cutler

Mr Cotton is the Year 5

Leader this year.

Timetable

The upper school time table has a slightly different structure, with a longer morning, breaking for playtime from 11.00–11:20am and lunch from 12.45-1.35pm.

With this in mind, please send a healthy snack should your child require one, especially as they get used to a longer morning and later lunch time. PPA will take place on a Tuesday afternoon from midday.

Curriculum Journey

To begin the new academic year, we are starting with a Victorian topic. This will be our topic of learning for two terms up to Christmas. We will now be spending most afternoons immersing ourselves in discovering about Victorian life in Britain, enabling the children to learn even more and in greater detail. During the first term, we will make our initial discoveries about the Victorian era, the industrial revolution, the British Empire and the life of a Victorian child compared to the life of a modern day child. We will also discover what life was like in a Victorian Workhouse during week 3 when we visit Southwell Workhouse. This trip has been a huge success for the past two years and relies on the support of parents and carers. We hope that you will support us with this exciting visit. 5R and 5L go on Wednesday 20th September. 5B and 5C go on Friday 22nd September.

Our English learning is linked to the Victorians with a 'Take One Book' unit focussed on historic literature in the story of 'Oliver Twist' and a discussion text about life in a Victorian Workhouse. We will begin our Maths learning with work on number including place value, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers, the value of Roman Numerals up to 1000 and negative numbers before moving to addition and subtraction at the end of the term. In Science, we will study properties and changes of materials including exploring and comparing a wide range of materials along with investigations into reversible changes. This will be taught during the afternoons of the final two weeks of term.

In Games sessions we will be learning how to play Netball and P.E sees us begin the teaching of an exciting new P.E. scheme—real PE! The focus of R.E for this term is Islam and in Computing we will be exploring coding using Purple Mash. 5C and 5L will also be participating in music lessons through the wider-ops music service. We are all looking forward to a fantastic first term!

Home Learning

Children will continue to have English, Maths and Spelling home learning each week. A creativity project has also been set to be completed over the term, linked with our Victorian topic. Please ensure that you support your child with this, as well as hear them read at home. Working in partnership is key and this will impact on your child's progress.

PE and Games

Please ensure your child has correct P.E kit in school all week and that it is named. Appropriate clothing may be required as the weather gets cooler.

Wednesday – P.E. (Indoor)

Thursday –Games (Outdoor)

E-Safety Awareness

It is vital to develop children's understanding of how to stay safe using ICT. Please ensure FACEBOOK and other on-line chat services are not used by your child. You can report any e-safety concerns at:

ILoveESafety@westgate.lincs.sch.uk

Partnerships

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please ensure that you come and speak to the class teacher or to our Year Leader for Year 5, Mr Cotton. You may be able to speak to us before or after school or by appointment if this is not possible.