

# Year 5 Newsletter - Autumn 2020

Welcome to Year 5!

## The Team

Miss Lowe (Sycamore), Mrs Leathersich and Mrs Mushtaq

Miss Taylor (Hawthorn), Mrs Klinkenberg and Mr Earl

If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please leave a message with the member of staff at the door or email [enquiries@wfps.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wfps.org.uk). We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you over the year to come.

**PE** - Please send your child to school in school PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays, along with their school sweatshirt/cardigan. Children with earrings must be able to remove them by themselves or leave them out on PE days. Long hair must be tied back please.

**Water Bottles** - Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. The children are only allowed water in their bottles please, not squash or juice.

**Reading** - To help your child to become a lifelong reader, please make time to hear them read at home. Just ten minutes a day can have a huge impact on their reading skills and confidence. If you would like to leave a note for the class teacher to see, please write this on a post it note and stick it to the front of the child's reading book. Reading records will remain in school for the time being. In addition to their school reading book, please continue to read other books and texts to and with them. Don't forget that our local library is a fantastic, free place to borrow books. Children will be listened to by both the teacher and teaching assistant every 3 weeks.

**Homework** - Each week there will be some vocabulary to explore, a few maths questions and continuous opportunities for reading at home. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in for the following Wednesday. Times tables are fundamental to building confidence and success in maths during Key Stage 2 and we expect children to practise their times tables regularly at home. Please help us by encouraging and supporting your child to learn them. This could be through learning a single fact that we have identified as a target, playing times table games that your child uses in class and using Times Table Rockstars to build their fluency. Homework will be completed online using Microsoft Teams - we will show your child how to access this and further information will follow.

**Knowledge organisers** - These will be sent home and uploaded to the school website every term. They will inform you and your child of some of the knowledge we are learning in class. Please use these to develop your child's knowledge and understanding. You could quiz one another, make flash cards, design a quiz for a friend, produce an informative poster, write sentences using the key vocabulary or create a mind map.

Many thanks,  
Miss Lowe and Miss Taylor