



GIFFORD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 5 team would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5, introduce the year team and share information on the topics your child will be learning over this autumn term. Year 5 group leader is Ms Kaler (5G), class teachers are Ms Dawe (5F), Miss Pallan (5R) Mrs Settas (5D)

Year 5 place a great emphasis on using the e-school to consolidate learning inside and outside the school environment. Your child can access Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Spellodrome and Education City on Year 5 e-school, all beneficial links towards your child's education.

Topics over the Autumn Term

English	Narrative Unit 3: Stories from other cultures Non/Fiction Unit 2: Recounts, letters, diary and newspapers Non-Fiction Unit 3: Persuasive writing Africa (Link to Journey to Jo'burg) Autumn 1 Gangsta Granny Autumn 2
Maths	Place value. Counting, partitioning and calculating. Securing number facts, understanding shapes. Handling data and measures. Calculating, measuring and understanding shape. Securing number facts, calculating and identifying relationships.
Science	Properties and changes of materials and forces
Computing	E- safety and Podcasting
Geography	Contrasting locality – UK to South Africa
History	Plantagenet
P.E/Games	Indoor: Athletics and Tag Rugby Outdoor: Cross country and netball
PSCHE	Health and Wellbeing
Art	Painting African Art
DT	Forces link – Pulley

French	Unit 15: En route pour l'école (on the way to school) J'habite les loisirs et les sports
Music	SPARKS - Djember African drumming/ Violin

Home Learning:

English or maths and spellings home learning will be distributed every 2 weeks on Thursdays and will be due back the following Wednesday. In addition, children will be given a project to complete based on their learning. We also ask that you read with your child daily and record this in their reading record with a comment.

P.E Kit:

Every Wednesday and Friday Year 5 will be taking part in indoor and outdoor P.E. It is imperative that your child brings in the correct P.E. kit which should consist of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. You may also provide black tracksuit bottoms and a top for outside games during the cold weather. A change of footwear (trainers) is essential as plimsolls will get muddy outside.

Swimming:

As part of the National Curriculum it is compulsory that your child partakes in swimming lessons. Lessons will be held at the local Dormers Wells leisure centre. Swimming will take place every Friday afternoon. You will be informed of dates that your child will be participating in swimming lessons.

Assemblies:

Class assemblies are a great way for children to showcase their individual talents and share their educational knowledge with the school. We encourage all parents to attend.

Absences:

We request that if your child is absent you contact the school office by telephone on the *first* day of absence.

Trips and Events:

This term we will be hosting 'hook days' to celebrate the work your child will complete on their book study, where your child will have the opportunity to participate in a range of exciting activities. We are planning a number of trips this year linked to the topics we will be covering: Parliament, Hampton Court Palace, Harry Potter Studios and a Space Dome workshop. In addition, up to 45 children will have the opportunity to attend Woodrow High House on the Year 5 Residential trip.

The Year 5 team look forward to a new and fantastic year together! If there are any issues or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Kaler Ms Dawe Miss Pallan Mrs Settas
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