

Year 5 - Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Nutgrove and a warm welcome to Year 5. In Year 5, Mrs Dawes, Mrs Tierney and Miss Dunbebin (student teacher) will teach your child. We will all be working hard to ensure your child has a wonderful learning experience and makes excellent progress in Y5.

The children have settled in well and are getting used to their new routines. They are a lovely class and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Reading - Your child needs to have their reading book and reading record in school **everyday**. All of the children have been tested to ensure they are reading at the correct level. We recommend that your child reads 3 times a week as a minimum. These sessions should allow your child to focus on reading and should include conversations about what has been read. Around 20 to 30 minutes per session is an appropriate amount of time for most pupils.

Children can also access the First News website (<https://ihub.firstnews.co.uk/pupils>).

This website allows children to read a child-friendly newspaper as well as completing comprehension activities about that week's news. This is a resource that children have personal logins for which will be written into their reading records.

PE - Our PE day is Thursday. Your child needs to come to school in full kit on these days. For this time of year, it is best if they wear their outdoor kit as the weather can never be fully relied on.

Homework

The children will be given spellings and maths homework to do on Purple Mash. As a school, we recommend that children revise spellings on a website called Spelling Frame (<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>). This website helps children to learn spelling rules as well as testing themselves. There will also be a creative curriculum homework to complete.

In addition, we would ask that you help your children learn/revise their times tables and practise their handwriting. Just a few minutes a day will really help them. We should know all the times tables for rapid recall in Year 5. All children in school have access to Times Table Rock Stars which can be accessed either via the

web: <https://ttrockstars.com> or by downloading the app. Children in year groups 2-6 will continue to use the username and password they were issued with last year. A parent/carer letter is available on our school website if you have any further enquiries.

There is a topic web of all of the areas we will be covering this half term on the school website. As always, any extra help you can give your child on any of these topics will be greatly beneficial.

We look forward to working with you and your children over the coming year.

Mrs Dawes, Mrs Tierney and Miss Dunbebin.