

LOSELEY FIELDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted with the way the Year 5 children have settled into the new term. They have demonstrated an extremely positive attitude towards their learning and are displaying a growing maturity in all aspects of their school life.

Here is an overview of what the learning in our first term will look like:

Topic	Science	English	Trips/Wow Days
Rights & Responsibilities The Creation of Great Britain	The circulatory and respiratory systems	Fiction and Non-Fiction Genres Linked with our topic.	Virtual Parliament Tour (<i>October</i>)
Rule Britannia How Britain gained an Empire	Chemistry	Example Texts– <i>'The Promise'</i> <i>'The Last Wild'</i>	Navy Day (<i>December</i>)

Educational Trips and Experiences

Trips are always a highlight for both pupils and staff. We are aware of the importance of giving parents as much notice as possible and will endeavour to do so as well as keeping the cost to a minimum through the implementation of more WOW days and onsite experiences.

We are currently planning to run the following trips, wow days and onsite experiences during the next academic year:

- Virtual Parliament tour (*October 2023*)
- Navy Day (*December 2023*)
- Delight in Shakespeare (*Spring 2024*)
- Two-night residential trip to Marchant Hill (*18th-20th March 2024*)
- Discovery Day (*Spring 2024*)
- Binscombe Church (*TBC*)

Home Learning

Our expectations for the children's weekly homework will consist of the following activities:

- Daily reading to an adult (minimum of 10 minutes). We ask parents to sign their child's reading record when they have read with their child. Likewise, we ask teachers/ teaching assistants and volunteers to record when they have heard the children read at school. The reading record should be used as a two way means of communication.

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- Daily phonics / high frequency words/ spellings (minimum of 10 minutes). We ask parents to practice a little each night. Older children will undertake regular checks of their spellings in school. In Year 5 we usually set spellings on a Friday. Spelling activities will be available from Friday each week on Seesaw.
- Weekly maths arithmetic recall activities e.g. Times tables, counting activities.

In addition to this, children will have a choice of home learning tasks to complete each half term which will be a mixture of, home learning style tasks and citizenship activities which encourages the children to undertake tasks for the community benefit e.g. Doing shopping for an elderly neighbour.

Each half term the children will be given 15 tasks to choose from. There is a minimum expectation to complete at least 7 tasks (depending on the number of weeks in the half term) and this must include one from each category (column). Children are able to complete extra tasks if they wish to do so, therefore giving families the choice as to how much weekend time to spend on home learning activities. Homework will be set and collected via the Seesaw app. Once a homework activity is completed, it can be uploaded onto the platform and teachers will give feedback accordingly. We will be running a homework club once a week during a lunch time to offer children extra support in-school.

English

We will be using a variety of ways to explore high quality texts such as drama, visualisation and art. We will also be using a range of texts in our reading lessons, and have time dedicated to spelling and grammar. Our first two texts in Autumn 1 are *The Promise* by Nicola Davies and *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday.

Maths

Mental arithmetic is of great importance, with a particular focus on times tables. Please support your child in learning their times tables regularly as secure knowledge of these makes all other areas of calculation much easier. Children are encouraged to use a range of strategies in maths. Any help is appreciated, however if you are unsure of the various strategies used for calculations please speak to your child's class teacher.

P.E.

Year 5 will be having P.E. on Tuesdays and Fridays – please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in on these days. We suggest they keep their kit here all week to ensure that it is here when needed. As the weather gets colder, warm tracksuit bottoms and tops will be needed. Please remember children cannot wear earrings, they cannot be covered by plasters and staff cannot remove them for children.

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Compassion



Aspiration



Integrity

Uniform

The children have started the year looking very smart and your help with this is appreciated. Please remember that jewellery (apart from plain studs) is not allowed in school and shoes should be entirely black and appropriate for the school environment. The children are allowed to wear trainers during the lunch break but not during the morning break.

Lunch/Snacks

The children are allowed to have fruit at break times as a snack and are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. No sweets or fizzy drinks are permitted in school. Children should also bring a healthy snack for extended day such as a piece of fruit.

Please can we also remind all parents/carers that Loseley Fields is a nut free school.

We hope your child enjoys the year ahead and we look forward to getting to know both you and your children. If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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