Welcome to Year 5

We are very pleased to welcome all of the children to Year 5.
Here are a few notes to let you know a little more about life in Year 5 this year:

- Arrival and Pick up

Please, please ensure that you keep to the times for our year group, which are;
Arrival – Any time between 8:30-8:45am (Central Road gate)
Pick up - 3:15pm (from the main playground)
In order to allow everyone to use the school entrances safely, we are not allowed to permit any child to enter the gates outside of the given times. If you arrive late, you will need to enter by the main school gate and come in through the school reception.
Please note that we will only dismiss children at the end of the day to adults that have been identified on your 'permission to collect' list and that our policy is not to allow children under the age of 16 to collect. Only children in Years 5 and 6 with written permission from parents, will be allowed to walk home alone. These children will be dismissed from the gate in Central Road at the end of the day.

- Communication

Two-way communication is very important. We will send general messages about things that are happening in Year 5 via email and any personal messages about your child will be made directly to you. If you have something that you need to let us know, please send in a short note or message with your child. If you have a concern that you need to discuss fully, please ring school and leave a message. We will try to return your call or make an appointment to speak with you as soon as we can. Please be patient. The school has a limited number of phone lines and we will be teaching most of the time. We will not ignore your message but we might not be able to make an immediate reply. We are almost always available at the end of the school day to speak with parents about any concerns or information that needs to be shared.

- Homework and Reading

The main aim of our homework is to help our children develop the key skills that they need in English and Maths that underpin much of their other learning. We expect that children will read at home **every** day. Your child will bring home a reading book suitable for their level of development. Please make sure that reading time is enjoyable at home and not a chore! Be positive and enjoy sharing and talking about the books together.
The children will also be working on key maths skills, such as times tables, and will be given activities to help with this. Some of these will be online resources, such as TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.
A list of suggested activities that you could also do to support your child's learning at home will be put on Google Classroom at the start of each new topic and we would really appreciate you getting involved and helping your child to enjoy the activities. Whilst these are not compulsory, we would love to see what you have done and encourage the

children to show us the things that they have completed or photos of things that they have been up to.

- Homework Timetable:

Monday and Tuesday – English or Maths worksheet (one per day),
Wednesday – TTRS,
Thursday and Friday – Topic homework (from Google Classroom).

- PE and Equipment

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday
We ask that the children wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE.
Please also make sure that your child only brings essential items to school, such as water bottles, reading books in book bags, coats / sun hats. Please make sure that every item of your child's school uniform and equipment is clearly named. It is nearly impossible to work out whose sweatshirt is whose in a class full of children!

- Topic

Our first topic is To the Stars
Details of the main areas to be covered in our topic work are uploaded onto our website in topic knowledge organisers. These show the main areas that will be covered and will include some key vocabulary that you could help your child with at home. You can help with our topic work by asking your children questions about what they have learned each week, get them to tell you any new words that they have learned linked to the subject and maybe attempt a suggested activity or visit linked to the topic.

Trips and Visits

Trips are a highlight of each school year and we always try to give the children these extra experiences. We will try to book trips that are free, whenever possible, but sometimes will have to ask for a contribution towards the cost. This year, we are intending to go on the following trips:

- Science Dome – Space, October
- New Wimbledon Theatre – Stringfever, November
- Tower of London – April/May

We look forward to sharing all of our exciting achievements with you this year.
Many thanks for your support

Mr Whitehorn, Mrs Raymond and the Year 5 Team.