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AUTUMN 2023 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 5,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an excellent Summer Holiday with your family and friends. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 5 this term.

In Year 5 this year, Miss Fowler will be teaching, with Mrs Kerslake supporting, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Similarly, if I am ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with our teaching assistant, Mrs Kerslake, as she will be more than happy to help.

We know we have only been back in school for just under a week, but I am so impressed with how well your children have settled into their new class. They have shown a great attitude towards their learning and have been keen to impress; we are all looking forward to the year ahead. We have included a list of topics and a brief explanation for what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 5, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Non-fiction – Rainforest Rough Guide. Fiction – How the Whale Became.	To create our own 'rough guide' for another endangered habitat. Our guide will include diary entries, letters and fact files written in a variety of formal and informal tones. We will also draw upon our knowledge of rainforests to develop a piece of creative writing inspired by the class text.
Maths	Decimal fractions, money, negative numbers, short multiplication and short division.	How to use place value to identify, describe, represent and compare decimal fractions (tenths and hundredths). To be able to multiply and divide two and three-digit numbers by single-digit numbers.
Science	Living things and their habitats	Investigating how plants and animals reproduce. Explore simple and complex life cycles of plants and animals.
Geography & History	Rainforests The Ancient Maya	Exploring different types of rainforests and the climate zones they exist in. The children will research case studies to understand why rainforests are important and what threats they face.
ICT	Computing systems and networks: search engines	Using keywords and phrases, identifying inaccurate information, learning how page rank works as well.

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Art & DT	Art – Painting and mixed media DT – Textiles	Experimenting with techniques such as ‘Batik’ to showcase different patterns and colours in nature.
Music	Sea shanties	Joining in singing sea shanties and making up body percussion and musical accompaniment.
PSHE	Families and relationships	The importance of friendships and the qualities of a good friend. They will have greater understanding of stereotypes and the impact they can have.
RE	Creation and science Conflicting or complimentary?	Looking at and understanding Christian beliefs of creation and comparing it with evolution.
PE	Invasion Games	Developing balance, agility and hand-eye coordination through games.

HOMEWORK IN YEAR 5

Reading

All children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week, for 1 hour 30 minutes in total** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard. In Year 5, Reading Records will be checked Friday morning where Dojo points will be awarded for completed reading.

Spelling

In Year 5, children will be required to learn 10 new spelling each week. Children are required to practice these spellings in their homework book by practicing the Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy or alternative strategy as discussed in class. These spellings will be given to children on a Friday and will be assessed on the following Friday.

Maths

Maths homework will be set weekly on Doodle Maths. Children will be required to access and use Doodle Maths for half an hour each week and earn at least 50 stars. This will be set on a Friday and checked the following Friday mornings.

Writing

Occasionally, we may decide to send home some writing or grammar tasks to complete.

Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a water bottle into school every day for your child. It is important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child’s name.

Children can bring in fruit or vegetables in for snack at break time and can also bring 60p in for tuck shop snacks (dried fruit) if they like.

PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and trainers. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.



Thank you for your help and support in advance. It promises to be a fantastic year where your child will flourish and grow as they approach Year 6 next year!

With very best wishes,

Miss N Fowler

Year 5 Teacher

Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER		
Fri 8 th		Part time attendance for EYFS children to start
Friday 15 th		First full day for Reception children
Tuesday 26 th	3:30pm	Open Classrooms
Friday 29 th		Non-Pupil Inset Day
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 4 th	2:00pm	Harvest Festival (Church) - Food donations to CHAT
Wednesday 18 th	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings (incl. SENDCO meetings)
Thursday 19 th	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 30 th	All day	Non-Pupil Day Trust-Wide Day
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2022 - Half Term Break		

