



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To give you a clearer picture of the areas of the curriculum that we are covering this term, we have attached an outline of the subjects that we plan to teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

Year 5 is an incredibly important year for all children in preparation for their Year 6 adventure. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Spellings:** Throughout the year, the children will be working through a scheme of work to help learn the different spelling rules. Each week, the children will be given weekly 'Log and Learn' spellings with a test on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home every day for 30 minutes and record this in their diary (please follow the guidance of page 19 of your child's home learning diary). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD) and once read, they are to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz (minimum of one quiz every two weeks). Diaries will be checked daily and signed by their teacher on a Friday.
- **Maths:** Two Century nuggets will be set weekly each Wednesday. Pupils should log into Century using the school Google login found in pupils' home learning diary.

Home learning diaries should be in school every day as they will be checked, referred to and used regularly.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these deadlines, as it is good preparation for Year 6 and secondary school.

As per school policy, children are not required to bring in additional equipment such as pencil cases and backpacks. We will continue to provide each child with the necessary stationery. We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights, and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only – please remember that we are a nut-free school) to eat during morning break.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously, illness cannot be avoided but if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

PE: A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons and taken home to be washed after. Trainers must be worn and, as the weather continues to get colder, black tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms and a warm jumper should be included. All pupils must wear a white school PE shirt. **Indoor PE is currently on a Tuesday afternoon and outdoor PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon.**



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This half term, we have set Year 5 the task of creating a solar system for their home learning project. We look forward to seeing them being handed in by the 14th of November.

Following this, we will be going on our exciting trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium on the 27th November.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Gater and Miss Harvey

Year 5 Team

Autumn 2	
Writing	In writing, we will be creating Cinquain poems based on our history unit of the Victorians. We will then be writing persuasive adverts based on our science topic of space. We will also refer to our trip to Winchester Science museum to aid us.
Maths	In Maths this half term we will be doing a lot of work on fractions - equivalent, converting and adding and subtracting.
Reading	This half term, we be reading Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce.
DT	In DT, we will be learning about how pulleys can help lift loads. We will experiment with making them using basic materials.
History	We are learning about the Victorian era, with a particular focus on Victorian housing, differences in the lives of the rich and poor and Queen Victoria's life.
Computing	In Computing, we will be exploring Google Docs by using our scheme of Purple Mash. Exploring word processing and what this means.
Science	In Science, we will explore the solar system including facts such as what makes up the solar system, how we came to learn that the Earth is round and how we get night and day due to the rotation of the Earth.
RE	In RE, we will be learning about the Christmas story, specifically looking at different perspectives and how stories change over time.
Latin	We will be continuing learning about the Roman army and some of the instructions they would have followed.
PE	In PE, we are learning football skills in our outdoor session and gymnastics indoors learning different styles of jumps.
Connect	The PSHE theme is self-care. The children will learn how to stay safe on the internet and some practical coping strategies that can be applied when life gets tricky.
Music	This half term, we are playing melodies with the B, A and G notes that we learnt last half term, becoming more independent. We will also be singing 'Drops of Jupiter', linking to our Science unit.