



**RHODES AVENUE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WELCOME TO YEAR 5'S PARENT MEETING.**

**Year 5 Team**

Mrs Demi Jeffels (5AJ Class Teacher & Year leader)

Ms Emel Ali (5AJ Class Teacher & Assistant Head Teacher)

Mr Clarence Ng (5CN Class Teacher & Leader of 'Boyband')

Ms Shari Tickell (5ST Class Teacher & Leader of History)

Ms Wendy Armah (Higher Learning assistant support)

# What is new?

◦Music – This year the whole school has a music specialist teaching music for a term. In year 5, the children will learn to play Samba. **5AJ** will have music in the Autumn term and the other two classes in Spring and Summer.

◦Residential trip – Year 5 will be taking part in a 3 night adventure at Pendarren House in the Brecon Beacons in Wales. This will take place in the Summer term and further information will follow nearer the event.

◦Planner – In Year 5 children have a planner in which they record comments on what they are reading at home, and spellings we have been focusing on. This is also a way of communicating with the class teacher. Please can parents sign these weekly before the monitoring day.

Planners will be monitored on the following days:

5AJ – Friday    5ST – Monday    5CN - Monday

# PE Equipment

- It is essential that children have their PE kits in school everyday. This includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), navy shorts, jogging bottoms, a warm top, spare socks and appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.
- **PE Days:**
- 5AJ – Wednesday and Friday
- 5ST – Wednesday and Friday
- 5CN – Tuesday and Wednesday

# Break time Morning Snacks:

- As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School, children may bring a playtime snack of fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day, however we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled.
- On Fridays, children are allowed to bring a small 'treat snack' e.g. cereal bar, Yoyo's, popcorn etc. (Please remember not to bring anything containing nuts and no sweets).

# Communication

- Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact if you would like to discuss something in relation to your child's learning. Please email the office, who will pass this message on to the relevant member of staff, to make an appointment to meet at a mutually convenient time.
- If you would like to discuss anything in addition to this, please see the Year leader.
- The website for the year group will be our main point of communication.

# Curriculum

- In Year 5, we have lots of exciting new topics to learn throughout the year ranging from 'Anglo Saxons and the Vikings' to learning about the history and geography of the Arctic and Antarctic, Ancient Egypt and many more interesting topics.
- Please access the school website regularly for any further information. You will also find that there are the end of year expectations outlined for English, Maths, Science and foundation subjects.

# Educational visits

- Educational visits are an important aspect of the Rhodes Avenue Curriculum. School visits and trips provide the opportunity to enrich learning outside of the classroom and inspire learning back at school.
- We aim to take the children on as many school trips as possible, however we recognise this can become costly. We have decided to set a maximum limit on the amount we ask you to pay for trips over the whole year to £30. (not including Pendarren) The school will make every effort to keep the cost of the educational visits to a minimal by using public transport or by visiting free exhibitions.
- Trip to British Museum to learn about the Anglo Saxons and Viking life in Britain – Thank you to each parent who volunteered to accompany us.
- 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

# Home Learning

Our homework policy is being updated at the moment and will be launched by Mr Hall next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am or Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

## 1<sup>st</sup> tier

In Year 5, children will be expected to read **daily** for 10-15 min. Please sign their reading record/planners at least once a week.

It is expected that children will practise their times tables **daily** at home. Your child will be given a log-in card to Times Table Rockstars ([trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com)). Children will learn spelling rules/patterns and practise times tables during lessons.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> tier

Over the year, there will be a range of projects. We expect all children to complete at least **three** of these. More details will follow.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> tier

This homework is parent choice. You can do as much or as little as you would like your children to do. We will provide you with programmes we have bought and websites that will guide your child through learning interactively.

On the website, there will be a weekly table showing what our focus will be for the week including Maths, English, the spelling pattern we are working on and grammar focus.



# Thank you for attending

- The parent letter will be uploaded to our website.
- We look forward to the exciting year ahead, teaching your children and getting to know you all better. Thanks for your support so far!
- Any questions?



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