



Year 5 Information Leaflet
Maple Class

Introduction

We are very much looking forward to educating our first Year 5 class at Norton Juxta Kempsey Primary School.

Independence

Over the last two years in Lower KS2 we have been promoting the children's independence, initiative and organisational skills. This continues throughout Year 5 and 6 with the aim of children leaving our school prepared for the move to High School.

Morning Routines

The school gates will be open as before at 8.45am. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please speak to them at the end of the day or call in to the office to make a mutually convenient appointment. Short concerns may be dealt with immediately by the Teaching Staff or Teaching Assistants.

Coming to School and being Collected

We strongly recommend adult supervision and collection in Year 5 however, if you would like your child to walk to and from school independently, a form must be filled in and signed by the parent / carer before your child is allowed to do this. We also advise that you plan a safe route home and practice walking it during the holidays.

Curriculum

As with all other year groups, there are statutory schemes of learning set out by the government that have to be taught in Year 5. Teaching staff will make assessments throughout the year to judge how each child is performing and whether they are 'on track' to achieve the expected standards.

PSHE and Sex and Relationships Education

Schools are required to provide a programme of sex and relationships education (SRE). As part of our PSHE curriculum, we will be covering age appropriate SRE lessons. In Year 5, the children will begin their sex and relationship education in a more formal and detailed way. A range of topics will be covered including: respect for themselves and others; recognising and managing peer pressure; names of the body parts and how the body changes as they approach puberty. More information regarding this will be provided in September.

We will be providing facilities for the girls in the toilet and will keep a stock of emergency supplies in the Year 5 classroom if they are needed.

Responsibilities in Year 5

We have formalised a Personal Development Plan for all the children in NJK which will be available to you in September. This involves opportunities for the children to develop their leadership skills both within school and in the wider community and the Year 5 children will have a key role to play, particularly as our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Day to Day in Year 5

The children will be encouraged to keep on developing their organisation skills and will be required to have all the necessary equipment in school each day.

Pencil Cases

If your child chooses to do so, they will be allowed to bring in to school one small pencil case, containing pencil-crayons and felt tips only. All other equipment, including handwriting pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers and rulers will be provided by the school. This is to ensure that we maintain our high standards of presentation. The pencil case must be able to fit easily into the children's classroom trays – if too large and bulky it will need to be kept in school bags or sent home. Please note that any equipment brought in from home will be the children's sole responsibility and should be named to avoid confusion.

PE Lessons

All children are expected to change out of their uniform into their PE Kit. Boys and girls will be separated for changing and then come back together as a class for each session.

Please note that if your child does not have their PE kit in school for their lesson, they will not participate in that PE lesson but will carry out a written task about the lesson, observing and making notes.

Homework

The recommended time for homework, set by the Government, is 1.5 hours per week for Year 5 children. Homework will be set weekly.

If your child is unsure of any of the tasks set, please speak to the class teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Mobile Phones

We would recommend that your child does not bring their mobile phone to school. However, if you wish them to do so the mobile phone must be kept in the school office during the day.

How can I help my child in Year 5?

Although we are encouraging greater independence in the children, it is important that parents/carers still continue to:-

- Talk to their child about their daily experiences
- Hear their child read regularly
- Practice times tables
- Support them with their homework and set a routine for doing it
- Encourage them to take responsibility, eg packing their own bag for school

Questions / Concerns

It is very important to us that all the children continue to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge. If you have any concerns at all, please reassure your child and speak to the teaching staff as soon as possible.

We look forward to a very happy and successful year!