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# Year 5 – Orange Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had a lovely summer. The children have made an excellent start to the year already, settling in so well with the new routines and expectations for Year 5.

## Teaching arrangements

This year the teaching team in Year 5 will be Sarah Rowlatt (Mon, Wed, Fri) and Alison Holliday (Tues, Thurs). Supporting the class will be Debs Das and Caroline Milton.

## Curriculum

Children in Year 5 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be learning about the life, achievements and legacy of Ancient Greece, as well as improving our map and atlas reading skills. The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths and Science focus areas for this term. Our PSHE focus for this half term is "Settle in to Learn" and next half term it will be "Showing Kindness".

## Reading

Reading will be taught through whole-class reading sessions using a range of texts, books and extracts across the year. We will also ensure children have time to read their own books each day and are able to change their books independently when they have finished reading them.

The children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books (this may be a book from school or a book from home if they prefer) and their yellow reading log. The yellow reading log is for the children to record when they have read but also to note down any interesting words and phrases they have found that could be useful for their own writing. The children have been shown how to complete them. Children should continue to read regularly at home to an adult or older sibling.

## Homework

As well as reading at home, a spelling homework plus a maths task will usually be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set instead, linked to another area of the curriculum that we are studying. In Year 5, homework should take no longer than 50 minutes to complete. Homework will be stuck in the children's homework books and sent home on a Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

## PE Kits

We will have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children should wear the school PE kit as specified on our website (Uniform - Camp) along with their green Camp School jumper or cardigan. Please note that football shirts are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn at school for PE lessons. Please ensure children come in with long hair tied back and no earrings for PE days.

During the school day, the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track.

## General Reminders

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle (only water please) into school every day.

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Children can bring in a healthy snack (such as fruit, cheese, cereal bars) for their break time - please ensure these do not contain any nuts or sesame.

**Buddies**
The children in Year 5 are paired up with a child in Reception to be their buddy this year. The children were all able to meet and play together last week and Year 5 have been very excited to find out who their buddy is. Once a week, the children will all meet for buddy time where they will play together, sometimes through free-play of their choice and others with more structured activities. The year 5 children will also help their buddies this week as they stay for lunch times.

**Class Assembly**
Our class assembly for parents to come along and watch is on Wednesday 22nd October at 9:15. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

**Dates**
Class drop-ins - Wednesday 17th September 3:25-4pm
Year 5 class assembly – Wednesday 22nd October 9:15am

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 5 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground at the end of the day or email the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 team