



Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a warm 'Welcome back!' and I hope you've all had a thoroughly relaxing, fun and enjoyable summer holiday. I am extremely excited about starting at Lydiard Millicent and to be teaching in Year 5 again. I am looking forward to a brilliant year full of fun, exciting and brilliant learning.

Outlined below are some important bits of information and any key dates coming up over this term. As you can see, it is set to be a busy one full of exciting and wonderful things for all the Year 5 children.

Being independent learners is a huge part of being in upper key stage 2 and using the Gem Powers to deepen and extend our learning. All the children are actively encouraged to do this in school and it is extremely beneficial that they are prepared and ready for their learning at school. This includes being organised with PE kits, homework, water bottles, lunch boxes, for example. Please encourage and support your child with this as much as possible.

Children need to wear the correct uniform to school and bring a named water bottle into class.

Curriculum Coverage

Our first topic is called 'Shadow of the Minotaur.' This is a historical based topic that will delve into the ancient history of the Greeks. We will be learning about their myths and legends, Gods and Goddesses, as well as life in every day Greek times.

In English, we will be linking it to our topic by using high quality texts and snippets from 'Shadow of the Minotaur' by Alan Gibbons. In Maths, we will start the year with a big focus on our number system and place value, which will include positive and negative integers as well as decimal places to one hundredth.

P.E. will be taught on a Thursday afternoon but please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school every day.

Please see the attached topic web for the rest of the curriculum coverage.



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Home Learning

The set home learning will continue with weekly spellings to learn and a challenge to complete, as well as the Pick 'n Mix activities. Spellings will continue to be a big focus in Year 5 this year. We will be investigating spelling rules and patterns throughout the week and then these words, along with the curriculum statutory words for Year 5 will be sent home. Children will be given differentiated spellings for the week, depending on the level they are working at in class. Most children will be given 10 spellings but others might have less. Please use the look, say, cover, write and check format to practise the words at home.

Children in Year 5 are encouraged to read at least 3-4 times per week and this needs to be recorded, either by the child or parent in the reading record. Reading records will be checked every week depending on when your child has their guided reading session.

We will continue to focus on improving our knowledge and speed of times tables using TTRockstars online activities and daily practice, as well as specific focus sessions in class. We will be concentrating on our 8 times tables this term which will be differentiated the following ways:

All children: recall most or all x8 multiplication and division facts (without using fingers to count up☺)

Most children: recall most or all x8 multiplication and division facts at speed

Some children: recall most or all x8 multiplication and division facts at increased speed, extending to all related facts e.g. 8×60 , 80×6 , 80×60 , $480 \div 8$, $480 \div 80$

Please can I request that you encourage your child to make use of the Mathletics subscription. Specific activities will be assigned, linked to the curriculum coverage in class; however, once these tasks have been completed, they are free to choose any activities or games. Your child will be given their Mathletics logins during the first couple of weeks and homework is set and ready on there! ☺ There are also some times table songs to help them learn them in an alternative way. And, of course, they can spend the points they earn at the shop and 'accessorise' their avatar!

School Values

Our school value this term is Thankfulness. Please share the poem below with your child as we will be learning about this in school.

Thinking of good things

Happy memories

All creation praising God

Not taking anything for granted

Keeping focused on the positive

Feeling blessed

Understanding the sacrifices people make for us

Living joyfully

Not complaining

Expressing gratitude to God

Saying thank you to those who help us

Showing gratefulness by our deeds.



Up and Coming Dates / Events

Tuesday 11th September - Year 5 Curriculum Evening. 3.45pm start in Class 5.

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September - Life Education Van in school.

Friday 28th September - MacMillan coffee morning and non-uniform day.

W/b 15th October - Parents' Evenings. More details to follow.

Thursday 22nd November - Year 5 Open Session. 2-3pm. Come and see all the amazing work we have been doing in class.

Thursday 6th December - Class 5 assembly - Trust.

If you have any queries or questions then please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Herbert and the Year 5 Team.

