

# FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



## YEAR 5 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5. I am thoroughly thrilled to move up into Year 5 with the class and I am looking forward to seeing the amazing progress that the children will make this year. Moving into upper KS2 is challenging for the children, they have higher expectations and there is a big emphasis on independence. However with a lot of effort, the children will achieve great things.

The class is taught by Mr. Linsel. We are supported by Miss Brooke, Mr. Holmes and Miss Smith.

As your children have taken another step forward into Key Stage 2 it is really important that they gain more independence. Giving them more independence now, will put them in good stead for the whole of Year 5 and for future years. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their belongings, their P.E kit, their homework and for taking letters home and for bringing them back in on time.

Many of the children are given class jobs to do, for example, handing out books, organising the class library. This encourages a sense of responsibility and team spirit, as well as giving the children an opportunity to take more control in their learning. These jobs will be given on a termly basis and all children will have the opportunity to undertake a class role throughout Year 5.

The school website is always available to check and update you on what has been happening in school, as well as being a perfect place to access the weekly spellings alongside any letters that may have been handed out. ([www.foxhill.bradford.sch.uk](http://www.foxhill.bradford.sch.uk)) Alternatively, I can provide any letters, spellings or homework sheets that may have been lost or not taken home.

As in every year, reading is still an extremely important part of learning and a partnership between home and school. Your child's Reading Record can also be used as a communication tool between home and the Teacher in Year 5. Please do encourage your child to read every night. The books that they read **can be a mix between school reading books, class library books and books that the children have at home**. Where possible, questioning the children on aspects of the book they are reading will greatly benefit their reading skills. In school, your child reads to an adult weekly, on top of weekly Guided Reading with the Teacher and other reading activities.

Weekly Homework tasks are set which reinforce learning in the classroom. Homework is appropriate to your child's needs and usually involves weekly spellings, reading and a Literacy and Numeracy task. Sometimes homework is online but other times it will be handed out in a homework book. Homework is set on a Thursday to be completed the following Monday. We encourage children to look at their homework on a Thursday so any questions can be asked Friday to enable them to complete it on

time. Please do send your child in to ask if they are stuck so we can help. You can also write any difficulties experienced down in their homework book so we can follow this up with the children as needed.

PE is taught on a Friday - it will be taught outdoor where possible but children should have both an indoor and outdoor kit in school for PE EVERY DAY. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit - for outdoor: trainers, a sweatshirt or tracksuit top and jogging bottoms are needed, and for indoor: pumps, shorts and a white t-shirt. Please keep all clothing as plain as possible and no football shorts please. Jewellery cannot be worn during PE, so we find it is easier for children with studs to not put them in on PE days. Please also encourage regular bringing home of the PE kit for washing! The other PE slot in Year 5 is the weekly swimming which you will receive more information about promptly.

Physical activity is extremely important and where possible, we will partake in short bursts of exercise each day. There are numerous amounts of research published that state that running a mile a day and general exercise, can improve your child's learning.

Please make sure all uniform, as well as outdoor coats, gloves, scarves, etc., are clearly labelled. Your child's initials and Y5 should be enough for us to trace mislaid items. We ask for no jewellery (except stud earrings), nail varnish or equipment (bags, pencil cases, stationery) from home please.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to tell, ask or find out anything and I will look forward to meeting you all over the year.

Many thanks,

Mr. Linsel

Year 5 Teacher