

# Year 5 Newsletter

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### Welcome to Year 5

This year all of the classes at Lanesend are inspired by discovery ships, fitting in with our autumn term topic – A Whole New World. There are three Year 5 classes, but we will work very much as a year group and we will also take opportunities to work with other year groups when we can.

## Autumn Term

### **Community Building (2 weeks)**

Establishing rules and routines and learning to work together as a team through a variety of team-based activities. We will also cover our Sex, Relationships and Emotional curriculum, particularly looking at the changes experienced during puberty.

### **A Whole New World**

Our learning this term will focus on A Whole New World. Through this topic, the children will learn how geography has influenced the journeys explorers took, how great explorers have shaped our history and even how stars can be used to navigate.

### **Christmas**

The final two weeks of the winter term will be devoted to celebrating Christmas. Year 5 will be putting on a magical production in line with the schools topic, which you will be able to watch via a video link!

We will still have our incredible Christmas dinner, this will just be adapted by sharing it only within our year group bubbles.



## Home Learning

### **Covid**

Due to the current restrictions much of our home learning will be shared virtually through Dojo. We will share worksheets, videos and resources through your 'Class Dojo' so please check regularly. Remember any home learning completed can be shared through Dojo.

### **Reading**

Reading is encouraged every day and we would be grateful if you supported this ethos at home by hearing your child read every night or ensuring they have opportunities to read independently. Please note, this does not have to be their reading book; newspapers, comics, magazines, encyclopaedias etc. all count and enrich their overall reading experience.



### **Spellings**

Every Friday your child will receive their weekly spelling tasks to complete as part of their early morning work and home learning, these are the words the children are expected to know and use in their writing now that they are in year five.

### **Speaking and Listening**

As in previous years, the children will be set speaking and listening projects to help develop their confidence and presentation skills. The focus may be connected to school, or it may be details of each project. Children will also be encouraged to share their confidence in oracy.



## Maths and Literacy



Maths home learning will consistently focus on the children learning their tables at home, so that they are secure and recalled easily. The children will have regular times tables tests to assess their progress and their target each week will be to improve upon their own individual score.

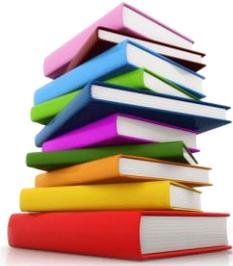
Mental maths strategies are also something that we would encourage you to support your child with at home whenever possible. For example, you could ask them to add items of shopping mentally or work out the cost of multiple items – practising everyday however small, will be extremely beneficial.

In addition to this, the children will also be given a weekly Maths and English home learning task to complete. The purpose of the home learning will be to reinforce work completed in class, but also to develop an independent approach to work. We would expect the children to spend no longer than 30 minutes on each of their home learning tasks. Home learning will be set on a Friday and will be due in on Tuesday.

We are also keen to encourage the children to write as often as possible and there may also be additional writing tasks during the year.

If an issue with home learning arises at any time please speak to us immediately as we really do not want it becoming a negative experience for either you or your child. The children all seem very keen to complete work at home, so that's a great, positive start!





Children will also get opportunities to use our library to support their independent reading.

### **Home Learning Grid and Writing**

The children will also continually have termly Home Learning Grids that contain a wide range of topic appropriate activities, to broaden their learning experiences. We are particularly keen for the children to write as often as possible, so any additional writing such as diaries, news reports, book reviews etc. would be greatly encouraged. These completed activities will be rewarded and shared with the class.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our timetabled P.E. session is on a Friday so please ensure that kits are in by then. Just a reminder, P.E. uniform is a blue t-shirt, black shorts and trainers – these must be different to the shoes they wear in to school, we also ask that all jewellery is removed on a Friday. As we head into the winter months, please ensure your child is provided with tracksuit bottoms and warm layers.



We hope that by the summer time, our year group will be able to go sailing. This is usually in the last two months of the academic year and is an incredible opportunity to build water confidence, have fun and to learn some new skills in sports such as sailing and paddle boarding.

Finally...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your delightful children for making the beginning of Year 5 such a smooth and enjoyable experience, we know it is somewhat different, but we are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted to our new normal. The children have made a fantastic start to Year 5 and we are really looking forward to working with them this year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to speak to us immediately, it is essential that your child is happy at school and if we continually work together we can help to achieve this.

FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION PLEASE KEEP  
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