

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## Year 5 – Picasso - Autumn Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of the new school year. We hope you had a good summer break and are ready to embrace Year 5: Team Picasso!

### Cross-curricular

In History we will be researching the question: 'Why was winning the Battle of Britain in 1940 so important?' In Geography: 'What is a river?' In Science we will investigate everyday materials and marvellous mixtures. Art and Computing will be integrated with these subjects, too. An exciting addition to our learning this year comes in the form of ukulele lessons. We look forward to the children performing (perhaps virtually) for you later this year.

### P.E.

Team Picasso has P.E. on Monday (Gymnastics - inside) and Wednesday (Outside). Please ensure an appropriate PE kit is in school every week. *As children are currently coming into school in trainers, these need to be suitable for running in!* They will also need appropriate warm clothing for outdoor P.E. in the colder months. This should include trousers and a hoody/jacket, as children should not wear their school jumper or cardigan for PE. **N.B.** Girls who wear tights in winter will need a pair of socks in their PE bag.

### Forest School

Forest school will be each Thursday for the first half term starting from the 13th September. Please refer to the email sent home earlier this week detailing everything needed.

### Reading

Please ensure your child has time to read at home and is also read to – it is important for children to learn from adults and their reading style, as it is for parents to hear the child's fluency. At this time, you can also ensure they have thoroughly understood what they have read. We have opportunities for reading throughout the school day too and the children all have a reading book in school from our class library.

### Maths

These are some of the topics we will be covering this term:

- Place value – Comparing and ordering numbers, Factors, Rounding, Negative numbers, decimals, multiples, factors and prime numbers.
- The four number operations – Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. The children will also complete investigations and word problems, which require them to use their calculation knowledge.
- Fractions – Equivalent fractions, Fractions of a number, Addition and subtraction of fraction, Mixed numbers and Improper fractions.

### Learning at home

Maths and English/Topic home learning will be set on **Friday** and should be completed by the following **Friday**. These tasks will be linked in with the learning we have been doing during the week, or in preparation for future learning, and should take about 30 minutes each to complete. This will need to be

completed online. You will be provided with a link on our Year 5 OneNote page each week and the children will need to answer all of the questions.

Spellings are important from the start – we'll focus on spelling patterns and word meanings, and develop our vocabulary with the 'Word of the Day'. Each week, the children will be given a list of spellings; the expectation is that the children will write a sentence for each word placing it in context thus demonstrating that they understand its meaning. These words will be revisited throughout the week. New spelling lists will be given each Friday. Please encourage your child to learn, practise and understand these spellings at home.

#### Personal belongings and safety

Year 5 pupils are permitted to have a mobile phone in school (if you wish) for safety reasons on their journeys to and from school. These should be clearly named and handed in to the class teacher each morning to be sent to the office, where they will be kept during the school day. At the end of the day they will be returned to the pupils. ***The school takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to pupil mobile phones. They are sent in at your own risk.***

If your child is walking to and from school independently, could you please enforce road safety rules (including not walking whilst looking at phones) and ensure that they cross with the lollypop lady or using the lights.

We are always happy to deal with any questions or concerns you may have at the end of the school day so feel free to find one of us after school or contact us using the note system outside the classroom door or by contacting the school office.

Kind regards.

Miss Chennell-Clarke and Mrs Turner

#### **Key Dates for your diary:**

Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
INSET Day – School Closed – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Walk to School Week – 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October / Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Parents Evening – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – To be confirmed  
Year 5 Trip to The Lincolnsfield Centre – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Virtual Harvest Festival – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Half-Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 5 Virtual Class Assembly – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Virtual Christmas Carols – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December