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Year 5 – Boyce - 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 Boyce!

Cross-curricular

In History we will be researching 'The story of the Trojan Horse' and in Geography: How is climate change affecting the world?' 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 for you in the summer term.

P.E.

PE will be on Tuesday (inside) and Wednesday (outside). We will also continue to take part in the Daily Mile. On these days, please ensure your child is wearing the following:

- Blue t-shirt (plain or with a Westfield logo)
- Black shorts
- Black bottoms (plain joggers or leggings)
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers

There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logo's on them. Thank you.

After half-term, we will have Forest School sessions every Thursday, starting on 2nd November 2023. On Thursdays children will need to come **IN TO SCHOOL** wearing their Forest school clothes and trainers. Please can they also bring suitable boots inside a NAMED plastic bag so they can change into these at the start of their session. Their Forest school clothes should be trousers and long-sleeved top with a warm hoodie/jumper as they will be going out in all weathers.

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. Reading is integral to helping develop their creativity, use of vocabulary and writing techniques which they can then use in their own writing. Please encourage your child to read a broad range of books and to try something new.

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

Home learning will once again be a half termly grid of options to be celebrated at the end of the term with a weekly spelling test taking place every Friday. The only other compulsory homework is daily reading. It is expected that the children will complete at least one of the home learning tasks and that they share their work with the class teacher. Whether or not they share with the class is entirely their choice and there is no pressure for them to do so.

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 which they are expected to learn for a test the following Friday. 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.

Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Powell and Miss Abou-Haidar

Key Dates for your diary:

Day of Languages – Tuesday 26th September
Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 27th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September
INSET Day – Friday 6th October
Parents Evening – Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October
Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church (TBC) – Friday 20th October
Half-Term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
Open Learning Morning – Friday 3rd November
Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 9th November
Cool to be Kind Week – Monday 13th to Friday 17th November
Children in Need – Friday 17th November
INSET Day – Friday 24th November
INSET Day – Monday 27th November
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Assembly – Friday 8th December
Child Shows Parent – Tuesday 12th December
RockSteady Concert – Friday 15th December
Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church (TBC) – Wednesday 20th December