

Year Five Induction



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children have been settling into their new class groups and the new systems in the school. We have slowly introduced the children to a variety of subjects in their classes and shortly they will resume a full timetable. We hope this letter will be useful in informing you about Year 5 and your child's learning this year, both in school and online, especially in the event of absences or lockdowns, when we will continue to provide remote access to work.

Staffing

Mrs Richardson 5R (Year Leader), Miss Webster 5W and Mrs Cieplinska 5C

Timings/Organisation

Please ensure that your child arrives at school at 9am (not before). Only children with siblings in other year groups may arrive before this time. Your child may bring a snack for breaktime and should have a named water bottle for drink throughout the day. Lunchtime is between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. Please arrange to collect your child at 3.15pm at the end of the school day. Your child should bring in their own pencil case which should remain in school.

Physical Education

PE lessons take place on a TUESDAY afternoon and currently children are asked to wear their PE kit into school on a Tuesday. Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE so please make sure your child is able to take these out on their own.

Behaviour

At Northmead children are taught to be polite, cheerful and respectful. We praise and reward good attitude and behaviour. Our three core rules are: Ready, Respectful and Safe! Each class has carefully considered what this looks like inside, outside and with a range of people. We have a very clear behaviour policy which is explained to and understood by all children. Parents will be notified if their child has been removed from class or if their child is continually causing disruption in lessons.

CURRICULUM:

Maths

We are continuing to develop our maths teaching inspired by the Mastery approach. In our lessons, children are encouraged to physically represent mathematical concepts. Objects and pictures are used to demonstrate and visualise abstract ideas, alongside numbers and symbols. Mathematical concepts are explored in a variety of representations and problem-solving contexts to give pupils a richer and deeper learning experience.

Times Tables

At Northmead, we have a scheme to encourage children to learn their multiplication tables. It is important children can quickly and accurately recall their multiplication tables.

Our scheme consists of weekly tests. Children will have 48 questions to complete in 4 minutes. Once they have achieved three scores of 46+ they will move on to the next level. Pupils will be awarded certificates as they pass each tables test. Once children are ready, they will be entered into the star test. If these tests are passed, a star badge can be purchased from the school office at the cost of £1.

 Purple star award x2 x5 x10	 Bronze star award x2 x5 x10 x3 x4
 Silver star award x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x8 x9	 Gold star award All tables up to 12 x12
 Platinum star award Fractions / Decimals / Percentages	

English

Each term, our writing is based upon fiction and non-fiction units of work, which are built around model texts. In fiction, the children focus on extending their vocabulary and learning to write using the language and structure of the text as the guide. In non-fiction, we use a Pie Corbett approach to writing, where the children imitate the language they need for a particular topic before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version.

Guided reading sessions allow your child to improve both their reading accuracy and their comprehension. Spelling lessons follow the 'Oxford Read Write Inc' scheme. Children practise their spellings daily in school and as part of their homework. They will be tested weekly.

Accelerated Reader

At Northmead we use the Accelerated Reader reading scheme. Accelerated Reader is a system used to promote children's reading skills and enjoyment. Children are assessed to determine their reading ability and can then choose from a range of recommended titles at their reading level. The children will be told which 'colour' band they are reading. Children will have access to books from their level to read in class and to take home to read as part of their reading homework. On return, these books will be quarantined for 72 hours. Children take a book quiz when they have completed reading a book.



Presentation

At Northmead, we expect all children to take pride in their work. They must write in legible, joined handwriting during every lesson. Children are expected to neatly underline the date and learning intention with a ruler.

Topics

Autumn Term: The Earth in Space / Forces / Anglo-Saxons

Spring Term: Vikings / Materials & their properties

Summer Term: Guildford / Lifecycles

(Termly topic maps can be viewed on the school website)

Trips and Visitors

Autumn Term : Space Dome / Winchester Science Centre (postponed at present)

Spring Term: PGL Residential Trip (15-17th March or 17th-19th March 2021)

Summer Term: Guildford Town Trip (June)

Music / Clarinet Lessons

As we are not currently allowed to sing or play wind instruments at school, we are adapting the music curriculum to focus more on percussion, rhythm and listening and appraising. To compliment this we can give you free access to a fantastic programme called Charanga where we have loaded several singing courses and lessons to learn: keyboard, guitar, fiddle or recorder. Please see login instructions sent home with your child shortly.

Year 5 Homework on Google Classroom

We have slightly adapted the delivery of homework this year to ensure your child is able to work on core skills in a safe way that minimises paperwork and books coming to and from school. We successfully used Google Classroom as a home learning platform last year and are keen to use this to provide homework this year. Your child's login details for Google Classroom will be coming home with your child shortly.

We will start expecting homework to be submitted the week beginning 21st September.

Reading

Your child needs to read 3 times a week to an adult for 20 minutes. This should include some discussion and questioning time. We would like you type a summary on the Google Classroom Assignment by Monday morning each week. To compliment the school library books, which will be limited due to quarantining, you are very welcome to read home books and also have access to a wide library of books using Oxford Owl.



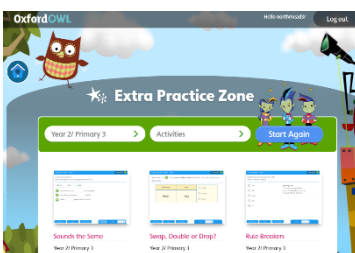
The login details are as follows:

Username and Password : Northmead5R Northmead5W Northmead 5C

English

English homework will be set as an Assignment on Google Classroom on Friday to be completed online by the following Monday. Assignments will range from grammar/SPAG tasks to comprehension or writing in various forms. Your child should spend approximately 40 minutes on this piece of homework.

Spellings



Children will be set a weekly spelling practice sheet on Google Classroom as a basis for their spelling homework. These will follow a spelling rule and may have an associated spelling practice activity to match the Read Write Inc. spelling scheme we use in school. These can be accessed using the Oxford Owl login above. The children will have a weekly test.

Maths

Maths homework will be set as an Assignment on Google Classroom on Tuesday to be completed online by Friday. Your child should spend approximately 40 minutes on this piece of homework.

Your child is also expected to learn their multiplication tables. On Google Classroom you will have access to a range of 'home' sheets for your child to work through each day. Children are tested at the end of the week on the table they are currently working on. The test consists of 48 questions which they have 4 minutes to complete. If they get three scores of above 46 then they move on to the next table. We encourage using 'Timestable Rock Stars' to develop speed and accuracy. Your child will be given their login details.



Topic Homework

Each half term we will provide an open ended project based on an area of the curriculum that we are learning about. Children will be asked to share their projects with their friends so we ask you to upload photos/powerpoint presentations/video clips to Google Classroom which will enable us to show the other children and give the children the opportunity to share their learning with peers.

Homework is an important part of your child's weekly learning and we urge you to set up a clear routine with your child so they can complete their homework by the deadlines set.

Keep in contact

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the relevant teacher:

Mrs Richardson 5R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

Miss Webster 5W@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Cieplinska 5C@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

Please make sure you are signed up to parent mail which allows you to receive texts and emails. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office.

Year 5 Team