



Welcome to Year 5 Parents' Briefing 2023

Please sign in by ticking next
to your child's name.



Class Teachers

Rowan Class - Miss Wilson



Willow Class - Miss Dubey



Support Staff



Mrs Hodges
Mrs Austwick
Mrs Barnett
Mrs Steel
Mrs Taylor

PPA cover: Mrs Martin & Mrs Maina





P.E.

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their full P.E. kit on Wednesdays & Fridays.

As we move in to autumn/winter, please ensure they have a sweatshirt, track suit bottoms and a lightweight waterproof jacket as we will try to go outside each week. (See website for complete kit list)

Please note: Children with pierced ears will also need to remove their own earrings. Surrey guidelines dictate that children are not allowed to apply tape or plasters to their ears.

It is best to take earrings out and leave them at home on PE days.

All children with long hair must keep it tied back.

Timings

The school doors are open from 8:30 - 8:40am each day. Registration takes place promptly as we often have assembly from 8:45am.

Value school as a family - Attend school and be punctual (children do not like to be late and miss out).



Topics

Knowledge Organisers can be found on the school website

Autumn 1	Fantastic Forces; What A Wonderful World
Autumn 2	Earth and Space; Mountains, Earthquakes & Volcanoes
Spring 1	Marvellous Materials; The Mysterious Mayans
Spring 2	Marvellous Materials; The Victorious Vikings
Summer 1	Living Things and Their Habitats; Exploring Europe
Summer 2	Animals Including Humans; Diversity In The Local Area

Do you have any expertise in a particular subject?





Reading at Home

It is REALLY important that your child reads REGULARLY at home - reading stamina is a key aspect to success.

Please enjoy a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction, with your children; we want children to develop a love of reading. Magazines and newspapers are a great way to engage more reluctant readers.

If appropriate, ask questions to check their understanding of the text; discuss what the book is about.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record once they have engaged with a text. Children are expected to do this at least 4 times a week.

Reading records will be collected in every Friday and the children that have read 4 times or more will be entered into a weekly raffle that is drawn every Monday in assembly. The winner gets the chance to choose a book from the vending machine.

Writing in Year 5

Focus is on a particular book that runs on a 3 week cycle:

- Immersion
- Skills
- Independent Writing

Various writing genres are covered throughout the year alternating between fiction and non-fiction

Objectives last over two years for 5 & 6

Expectations and non-negotiables



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education



What is included in PSHE?

Alcohol
Cigarettes and Vaping
Drugs/medicine
Difference
Growing up
Safeguarding/consent
Bullying

Prejudice/stereotypes
Discrimination
Dares
Safety- danger, risks and hazards
Family
Friendships
Feelings

Healthy Eating
Healthy Lifestyles
Hygiene
Internet Safety
Money
The Environment
First Aid

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Common Questions

- By its nature, this subject contains some **sensitive subject areas**. The children compile a list of **ground rules** for PSHE lessons, including not naming others, listening respectfully and having the 'right to pass'.
- Parents are sent a **list of the objectives** that will be taught every half term so that you are kept informed and can discuss issues with your child as appropriate.
- Almost all aspects of PSHE are now **statutory (2020)**- with the exception of money, the environment and some elements of sex education (taught in Year 5). We are required to teach these statutory subject areas by law and there isn't an opportunity to opt out of the learning.
- In the Growing and Changing Unit (taught in Summer 2), **correct vocabulary** for private parts of the body is used. This is for clarity as well as being an important part of our **safeguarding** remit.



Assessment



- ▶ Assessment is ongoing throughout the year.
- ▶ Reading, writing and math assessments are ongoing against the children's personal targets.
- ▶ Standardised Tests three times per year to inform teacher assessment.

Homework

Every Monday, the children will receive two pieces of homework; one will be Maths and one will be grammar. This work will link to the previous week's learning.

Reading, times tables practise & spellings will be ongoing.

Children all have logins for Seesaw, Spelling Shed & TT TTRockstars.

homework



Internet Safety



Social networks, apps, online streaming and computer games.

Please make sure that what your child is accessing online and on their consoles is age appropriate.

Be aware of age restrictions for social network accounts and control what they are posting online and in messaging apps (WhatsApp, Messenger, Xbox Live etc.)

Have appropriate parental controls in place on all devices and online streaming accounts (Netflix, Prime, Amazon etc.)

Contacting the Class Teacher

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To report an absence or a GP or hospital appointment please call the main office on:

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