

## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

### Year 5 Team



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### Welcome

Welcome back to Rivers! We are so excited to have you all in Year 5 and can't wait to see the wonderful things you are capable of as well as getting to know each and every one of you!.

This half term, we have many exciting things planned! In history, we will be learning all about the intellectual and highly-influential traditions of the Ancient Greeks! We will also be replicating some of their artistic creations - including pottery! Alongside this, we will be starting the year with our first Whole Class Reading text 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl.

As in previous years, Class Dojo will be used to communicate any key messages and will also be the preferred method of communication should you wish to discuss any matters with the Year 5 team. If you have not been set up on ClassDojo then make sure you share your email address with the school office so this can be arranged for you.

### Planners

This year's planners have been updated. Inside, you'll find lots of useful information, including knowledge organisers to support children in knowing more and remembering more. There are also times tables grids, spellings and a variety of curriculum support which we will use in class daily so please ensure your child brings it to school with them every day. We expect planners to be looked after, **updated daily by pupils, signed by an adult at home** and for homework tasks to be ticked off once completed.

## Homework

Homework for all Year 5 pupils will be set using ClassDojo and Google Classroom. More information about the weekly tasks, and the expectations of homework in Year 5, can be found in the front of the school planners. It is important that children complete all of their homework tasks each week in order to support their learning.

Depending on the type of activity set, support sheets may sometimes be available for pupils to access on Google Classroom should they need additional support. Details for accessing both ClassDojo and Google Classroom can be found in the planners.

## Reading

#Riversreads As a school, reading is the underlying heartbeat, consistently supporting, comforting and enabling our pupils to be inspired to aspire.

We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader in school. Through this, pupils will be given an individual bookmark which indicates the range of books they should be accessing from our wonderful library. This range is appropriately matched to their reading age and encourages pupils to stretch and challenge themselves. Pupils choose their own home reading book from our library which will be correctly matched to support their fluency and comprehension. **Our expectation is that all pupils complete a daily minimum of 10 minutes of reading - the more they read, the better!**

Pupils are expected to respond each day in their planners about their home reading to a given question or prompt. Once completed by the child, a parent/carer will need to sign next to their comment in order to verify the completed daily read.

As you are probably familiar with by now, once pupils have completed reading their book they will access an online Accelerated Reader quiz which will support their reading progress and also keep a total of how many words a child has read. If a pupil manages to read a whopping one million words, they will join the 'Millionaire's Club'! How many millionaires can we have in Year 5 this year?

## PE

Year 5 PE days are **Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

On these days only, please send your child to school wearing their school PE kit:

T-Shirt - Rivers branded black t-shirt

Shorts - Black

Pumps or Trainers (black) for outdoor use - not school uniform footwear

A dark coloured tracksuit (for colder weather)

School jumper or hoodie (for colder weather)

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name just in case they go missing - it will help us to try and reunite them!