

Year 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Y5! We have had a fantastic first few days getting to know our pupils and teachers, our new classes and the new routines around school. We are really excited for the rest of the year. We will be spending lots of time focusing on children's wellbeing as well as helping them catch up on any learning that may have been missed during lockdown, all whilst having lots of fun!

If there is anything we can support you with, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Y5 team at school.

Miss Vorster, Mr Rankin and Miss Khan.

The Reading Pledge



Did you know that children who read regularly at home are more likely to earn more money when they're older and (more importantly) be happier?! We are asking all families to take 'the reading pledge': agree to read together for 10-20 minutes a day at least five times a week.

When you have read together, remember to sign their reading record so they can be in with a chance of winning a small prize for their efforts! Uniform and P.E. Kit

At Exeter, we want our children to look smart, be ready to learn and represent our school with pride. We therefore ask that children come dressed in the correct uniform:

- A blue jumper or cardigan
- A red or white polo shirt
- **Grey** trousers, skirt or pinafore (**not leggings**)
- Black shoes **not** trainers



Children also need to be correctly dressed for P.E.:

- Red t-shirt **with the Exeter logo**
- Black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts (**not leggings**)
- Trainers or plimsolls.

All items of uniform can be purchased from the school office and we have regular second hand uniform sales.

Class Dojo - new login details will be sent out at the beginning of term for you to access your child's new Class Dojo account. All previous logins will be deactivated. This is an important way to hear all our school news and announcements.

Dates for your diary:



Thursday 22nd October: School finishes for half-term.

Monday 2nd November: Children return to school.

Healthy Snacks



We have noticed a number of children bringing in inappropriate snacks, including whole packets of biscuits! Just a reminder, children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar.

Homework

Homework is handed out on a Friday and must be returned the following Wednesday.

Each week, children will be given a number of activities to complete that will support their learning at school, including times tables to learn, spellings to focus on and a grammar or arithmetic activity to do.

P.E.

P.E. is an essential part of the national curriculum. Each class has P.E. twice a week. P.E. kit must be labelled with your child's name. Each class has two dedicated P.E. lessons a week with a specialist teacher. Y5 P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday. Children should come to school in their P.E. kits on Wednesday and Thursday.

Y5 Permission to walk home - if you are happy for your child to walk home, please give consent via the school comms / gateway app, in the payment section by Friday 11th September.