

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5. Below are the topics that we will be studying in term 1. Please talk with your children about what they will be learning. Perhaps you could visit the library together to do some extra research.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Term 1</b>
<b>Literacy</b>	Diary Newspaper reports Narrative description Writing from another perspective Persuasion Letter Writing Recounts
<b>Numeracy</b>	Number and place value Addition & subtraction
<b>Science</b>	Empiribox
<b>ICT</b>	Search operators Packet switching
<b>Topic</b>	Volcanoes, mountains, earthquakes
<b>R.E.</b>	Judaism
<b>P.S.H.E.</b>	We're all stars! Devising a class charter, working collaboratively
<b>P.E</b>	Game Skills and Static Balance Swimming
<b>French</b>	As tu un animal?
<b>Music</b>	Weekly music lessons with Ms Clifton

### **PE**

Children will need a PE kit in school everyday. The kit should include a change of t-shirt and shorts and plimsolls. An outdoor PE kit will also be necessary for the colder months, please provide a plain black or grey tracksuit. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE. If your child forgets their kit, then they will be expected to participate in their uniform, as long as it is safe for them to do so.

### **PE Days**

PE days are Amethyst - Friday, Aquamarine - Friday, Tourmaline - Tuesday.

### **Swimming**

This term **Aquamarine** and **Amethyst** classes will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. **Tourmaline** will not be swimming this term, but will be next term.

**Uniform**

Children should be wearing black shoes. We would also like to remind you that necklaces are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

**Homework**

It is expected that the children should read every night. This could be a reading book, newspaper, magazine or any other available media. Please encourage your child to record what they have read in their contact book and then sign it, your child will then be able to choose their next book. We are looking forward to collecting badges for our number of reads. It is really important that your child reads on a regular basis, as this improved their understanding of a text, their spelling and therefore their writing. Additional spelling, maths and topic activities will be set as well.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and is to be returned on a Thursday.

The children have additional reading activities set to complete at home on Bug Club ([www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)). They also may use Mathletics for additional maths activities (<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>). We will issue your child's current log in details shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kimber, Miss Daniells, Mrs Smeeton & Miss Reynolds