

# Welcome to Year Five!

5G – Mrs Giles  
5LG – Miss Gieron  
5K – Miss Keogh

Teaching assistants: Mrs McCorrie, Mrs Freeman  
and Mrs Blundell

*So we are sure information goes to all parents, please  
tick your child's name on the class list before you leave.*

# PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

- We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the correct times for dropping off and collecting your children from school.
- The school gates open at 8:25am for Juniors and the whistle for the start of the day will be blown at 8:45am.
- Year Five finish school at 3:15pm and the gates will be open for parents at 3:00pm.

# TIMETABLE

## P.E (One indoor and one outdoor)

5G - Monday (Mr Edwards) and Wednesday.

5LG – Monday and Thursday.

5K – Monday (Mr Edwards) and Tuesday.

Please ensure they have a full PE kit with them in school at all times.

Please note that we sometimes make changes to our timetables depending on topics and whole-school events that are taking place. Your children always have a daily activity board/timetable to refer to in the mornings so that they know what's happening.

# PE KIT

- Pupils need the following kit, **clearly labelled with their name and class**:
- Plain white t-shirt.
- Navy or black shorts.
- Low sided pumps for indoor PE and suitable trainers for outdoor wear (in potentially muddy conditions).
- White socks.
- In cold weather, pupils may wear tracksuit bottoms and/or jumpers for outdoor games. These must be plain black, grey or navy. Indoor PE is undertaken with bare feet or indoor pumps, depending on the activity and equipment being used.
- No accessories or jewellery, including earrings, should be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up. If earrings need to be worn, please provide tape or plasters.



# ASSESSMENT

- In a world without levels we are aware that some parents will be wondering how we will be assessing children's work.
- Children will be made aware of their individual targets through focused feedback on their work and through ongoing assessments: *coloured highlighter, half-termly tests, parents' evening targets etc.*

# HOMework

- Homework will be set on a weekly basis on a Monday.
- We will set some Mathletics and Spellodrome activities which will be due in the following Monday. The expectation is that children get 500 points on Spellodrome and 800 points on Mathletics, per week.
- Mathletics club will be available – day to be confirmed.
- The expectation is that 1 hour of reading is done over the week. This can be shared over multiple nights, e.g. 4 x 15 minutes. Please record and sign in the appropriate boxes.
- Children all have a homework log in which you can comment if you feel you need to.
- Topic-based research or projects may be set half termly.
- Mr Heptinstall's Times Table Challenge will take place over 6 weeks, twice throughout this year.

# HOW WE TEACH MATHS

- The Calculation Policy for maths is available through the school website. Please refer to this so you understand the methods we teach.
- We use a 'White Rose' mastery approach and C-P-A methods.
- We will be learning about place value (up to 1,000,000) for the first 4 weeks of term.



# CLUBS

- At The Coppice we are proud of the number of after school clubs that we have.
- An updated club list will be available on the school website and on the facebook page.



# BEHAVIOUR

- As in other years, we use The Zone Board throughout the day in Year 5. A Zone Board is a visual tool to help pupils understand what behaviour is expected of them in class.
- The Zone Board is primarily there to encourage behaviours that are conducive to good learning.
- Children are moved up the board if they are responsible, respectful and ready.
- There are no longer any 'orange' or 'red' zones.

# WATER AND SNACKS

- Children are allowed to keep a bottle of water in the classroom to drink from during the day.
- Snacks can be eaten during morning break and should be a healthy snack – no chocolate!
- Children eat their lunch in the hall and are collected from the playground by a dinner supervisor.

# PTA, PARENT FORUM AND HELPERS

- If you are interested in becoming involved with The PTA or would like to be a parent helper in school, please speak to The Office.
- You will require a DBS check in order to help in school and The Office can provide you with the relevant paperwork.
- If you would like to be a part of Parent Forum please contact Mrs Ashwell.



# COMMUNICATION

- We acknowledge the importance of an open line of communication between parents/carers and teachers.
- We will make ourselves available on the playground to discuss any queries at the end of the day.
- Homework logs are also checked every Monday so non-sensitive messages can be passed on in these.
- All newsletters (school and year group) are available on the school website and you can sign up to receive the school newsletter by email.



# EQUIPMENT

- In Year 5, children can bring in their own pencil cases or stationery.
- Everything that they need will still be provided by the school.

# TOPICS

## **Autumn Term**

- Earth, Sun and Moon
- Forces
- Properties of materials

## **Spring Term**

- UK Geography (settlement and land-use) / Why was the West Midlands a suitable site for settlement?
- The Ancient Greeks

## **Summer Term**

- The Rainforest / South America / Brazil
- Ancient Maya
- Plant life cycles / human life cycles

# PSHCE & SRE

- Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education
- Sex and Relationships Education
- During the course of Year Five, pupils will continue to undertake normal PSHCE lessons as part of their weekly timetable.
- SRE is part of the PSHCE curriculum, where children will be learning about families and the different stages of life. We appreciate that as parents, you may wish to find out more about the content of some of these lessons before they are delivered in school. We therefore offer the opportunity for parents and carers to come in and view the lesson plans and accompanying teaching materials and discuss the lessons with the Year Five teachers. We will let you know through letters home when these lessons are coming up.

# INTERNET & ONLINE SAFETY



**ZIP IT**

## Zip IT

Make sure your child knows to always keep private information safe and watch what they say on the internet. People may not be who they say they are online and it's not always possible to control who can see your child's information.

Your child should know not to give out information like:

their full name, photos, postal or email addresses, school information, mobile or home telephone numbers and details of places they like to spend time

## Block IT

Children should be taught to block people who send offensive messages and tell them not to open unknown links and attachments. They should delete any suspicious emails that can cause damage to the computer.

One of the main ways children can come across inappropriate content online is through search results. Most search engines include a 'safe search' option that excludes results containing inappropriate images or key words.

You could also install parental control software to filter out harmful and inappropriate content for computers and some mobile phones and games consoles.



**BLOCK IT**



**FLAG IT**

## Flag IT

Children should be taught to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried or unhappy about anything they see online. They should also do this if a friend they have made online has asked to meet them in the offline world.

If your child does experience inappropriate content online, report it to the website it appears on. UKCCIS has developed an internet safety 'one stop shop' with more information.

## Where can I get help?

Parents Online

[www.parentsonline.gov.uk](http://www.parentsonline.gov.uk)

Kidsmart

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

Think U Know?

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

Family Guide Book (DfES recommended)

[www.familyguidebook.com](http://www.familyguidebook.com)

## How can I report abuse?

If you know about a child who is in immediate danger, risk or you require an urgent response, you must call 999 or your local police.



The Government has set up the CEOP Centre to take these reports and make sure that young people are safe online. This Centre is staffed by specialist police officers and investigators.

**The thinkuknow website has lots of advice and support for parents.**



# ASSEMBLY DATES!

5G – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm (Infant Hall)

5K – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm (Infant Hall)

5LG – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm  
(Infant Hall)



# MEDICAL INFORMATION

Every year, we check that all our medical information is up-to-date. Thank you to all of the parents who have completed a new medical form.

Inhalers and spacers should be in date and be sent in, clearly labelled with the child's name.



# TRIPS

- Planetarium led by Warwick University  
(in school): Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Ingestre Hall Arts & Drama Residential:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020



# COLLECTION CONTACT LETTERS

- Please hand these in to your child's class teacher



**Any questions?**