



Welcome to Year 5 – Laurel and Maple 2023-2024



Introduction

Welcome to Year 5. We hope that your children will enjoy their time with us and are motivated by the range of work provided. If you have any further questions regarding the curriculum or class routines, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher either at the end of the school day or via the office email.

Teaching Staff: Miss Bahra/Mrs Macmillan (Laurel), Mrs Moore/Mrs Hill (Maple)

Teaching assistants: Miss Palmer and Mrs Clapham

Miss Bahra will be Laurel's class teacher apart from Monday and Friday afternoon when Mrs Macmillan will teach. In Maple, Mrs Moore will be the class teacher from Monday to Wednesday brektime then Mrs Hill will be the class teacher for the rest of Wednesday until the end of the week.

P.E- Please remember children are expected to wear their P.E kits to schools on their designated days. Our P.E. days in Year 5 are **Monday** and **Friday**. Children should come to school on these days in dark leggings, shorts or joggers, a white or red t shirt, their school jumper and trainers.

Our Topics

1. **Autumn: Anglo-Saxons and settlements.**
2. **Spring: Vikings and mountains.**
3. **Summer: Ancient Maya and biomes.**

English & Maths

English and Maths will follow the Year 5 curriculum which is available to view online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Home Learning

Home learning will focus on key skills such as times tables and reading.

- Please read as much as possible with your child. Children should be reading independently every night approximately 15 mins and have their book in school every day. Reading records will be monitored in school.
- It is important your child is secure in Timestable knowledge therefore taking part in TTRockstars at least 3 times a week is recommended.

Behaviour

As part of our school ethos to promote a positive culture, we will be using Class Dojo to recognise the range of good behaviours we have at Keep Hatch, both inside the classrooms and out on the playground. We will also be encouraging children to consider a 'Growth Mindset' and to challenge themselves wherever possible. You will hear lots about 'stretching our brains' and 'earning Hatchies'!



Exciting Events

As part of the In2Music schools programme, we hope that Year 5 will be learning to play an instrument with Berkshire Maestros in the Autumn or Spring term. Watch this space for further information!



In Year 5, children will have the opportunity to earn their pen licence if they have not already done so. Teachers will continue to monitor the consistency and formation of letters when writing across the curriculum (and not just in handwriting lessons!) If successful, they will be presented with a certificate and a pen to use in all subjects apart from maths. There will be a small charge for subsequent pens.

Daily checklist



- Water bottle (named)
- A small ruck sack Jumper (named)
- Coat (named)
- Reading book and reading record
- Pencil case (years 2-6 only) (named)
- PE kit (Winter kit to include joggers and a sweatshirt) (named)
- Healthy snack (plain biscuit or piece of fruit)
- Lunch box (named) (or lunch paid for on Scopay)

Pencil cases

Children are encouraged to bring their own small pencil case to school. This should be able to fit comfortably in the school trays. They could contain:

- Writing pencils
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A glue stick
- A purple pen
- A pencil sharpener
- Colouring pencils (optional)
- A whiteboard pen

Things to remember

- Entrance for Year 5 will be through the door at the end of the red path - children should walk down the red path on their own. Registration is between 8:40 and 8:50.
- If children arrive after this time, children should enter via the office ensuring they have ordered their lunch as the register will have already been taken.
- Water bottle (with child's name on) to be placed in classroom.
- Lockers will be used to store bags and coats.

If you have any further questions, please do ask your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or email the school office.