

# Year 5 Information

Children in Year 5 complete most of their work in ink. Children are provided with all the resources they require in school but may bring in their own pencil case from home if they wish.

**As a reminder, for PE, children should have:**

A plain T-shirt (white, round neck)  
Plain black shorts

Socks and plimsolls (for indoor PE)  
Trainers (for outdoor PE)  
Black jogging trousers / plain top for outdoor winter games

**Please name all clothing, plimsolls and shoes and watch out for lost property days!**

Your class teacher is always happy to discuss any concerns that may arise during the year. Please phone or send in a note to make an appointment.

For half a day on Wednesday, Mrs Irons (Giraffe) and Mrs Wyard (Zebra) will be teaching. These teachers are fully qualified teachers and have been working at Queen Edith/Queen Emma over the years.



## Year 5 Topics

Autumn Term	<b><u>Ancient Britain</u></b> (Vikings, Anglo-Saxons – the life of people, invasions, West Stow Trip) <b><u>Space Academy</u></b> (Earth and space, solar system, space music, Space Cadet day)
Spring Term	<b><u>Climbing Mountains</u></b> (Mountains, rivers and the water cycle) <b><u>Mini Enterprise</u></b> (Baking, Puberty and Growing Up)
Summer Term	<b><u>Arriving in Africa</u></b> (Animal masks, African day, diversity and communities, Year 5 Activities Week) <b><u>Ancient Egyptians</u></b> (Pharaohs, mummies, pyramids, the life of an Egyptian, Egyptian day)

Dear Parents,

Now that your child is entering the Later Years at Queen Emma we would like to outline our expectations for the children in terms of work and behaviour.

In order to maintain good working attitudes, the highest standards of behaviour will be expected. We look to our Later Years children to set an example to the younger children. We would hope to see children developing self discipline and thereby demonstrating a responsible and positive attitude to school. We expect the children to show courtesy to each other and to all adults in school and to respect property. We would be grateful for your continuing support in this area.

There is an expectation that children in Year 5 will complete a certain amount of homework. This has two purposes, firstly to enhance class work and secondly to prepare the children for homework in Year 6 and beyond.

Homework tasks encourage children to organise their time, to meet deadlines, to develop their research skills and to take responsibility for their own learning. Parents or carers have a vital role here, ensuring that the homework is completed on time, and giving the support that your child requires.

The homework set in Year 5 consists of: -

- English writing homework, given weekly, and spellings to learn
- Maths tasks, given weekly
- Reading for at least 20 mins every day, and reading with an adult at least once a week
- Additional topic related homework projects (with a deadline).
- All homework reflects activities and focuses within the classroom

Children are encouraged to take home their reading books and to read to an adult or to themselves. Reading records need to be filled in and brought to school daily. They will be checked regularly.

We would also welcome your support in encouraging the wearing of school uniform. It is crucial that PE kit is kept in school during the week as it is sometimes necessary to change a session with another class. PE is part of the National Curriculum and forgotten kit may cause a child to miss a session. Jewellery may not be worn at school, except stud earrings, which **must be** removed for PE.

We hope that you will find this information useful and that it will clarify some of the points made at the Year Group meeting. We look forward to working with your child, in partnership with you.

#### **Parent Helpers**

We are always grateful for any offers of help (particularly with individual reading and schools trips) and the children enjoy having parents in school too. If you can spare any time, please let us know, by speaking with the Office or your child's teacher. Parents/Carers who wish to help need to have completed a safeguarding check with the School Office. Please talk to the Office if you would like to help but do not have the check.

Yours sincerely

**AS Remington (Giraffe)**  
Year 5 Class Teachers

**K Fisher (Zebra)**

PS. Do let us know if you have any interest or skills in our topics this year as we always welcome visitors to share their passion and knowledge with the children.