



# BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Year 5

It was great to meet you on the class swap day; I think we are going to have a fabulous year together.

I thought it would be helpful to let you know a few details about how the week will run so you can be prepared. In Year 5, we have break time and a later lunch (at 12:30) so please bring a snack with you to eat at break time to stop the hunger pangs!

Year 5 does suddenly seem pacier but please be assured that, although we want you to be challenged, we will always differentiate to make sure you can complete tasks. I need to get you ready for your next step of education so we do work faster and are more independent but I am sure you will all rise to the challenge 😊. Please do not be afraid to say if something is too tricky or not tricky enough! I will spend as long as it takes to make sure you've got something, you will never get told off for asking for help. Also, remember, if you can already do it, then you are not being challenged, school is a place to learn and it is a place to make mistakes (even the adults!).

It is really important that you get to class on time each morning as we will be starting our maths and literacy work first. We will build upon your multiplication tables and spellings knowledge so these will form part of your homework each week. I will also stick the Year 5 spelling list in the front of your homework books for you to be practising independently. You will not have individual reading records in Year 5 as I will expect you to be reading books of your choice for twenty minutes each day. This will not only improve your reading skills but also your English writing skills as it will expose you to lots of new language and punctuation. I will be taking groups for Guided Reading lessons each day where I will assess your reading with a range of literature. In Year 5, we continue to actively use the Accelerated Reader scheme to ensure we continually assess your comprehension of the texts you read. There will be a wide choice of books, which support this scheme, in our classroom for you to borrow each week and complete a quiz to check your understanding of the book. There will also be maths activities for you to try at home using Activelearn (you will be used to doing these with Mrs Jones).

Our topic in the Autumn term is Vikings and I will stick a homework grid in your books for you to choose a different activity (linked to maths, English, science, art etc) each week. You will only need to complete ONE activity each week. Homework books will go out on Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. I mark your homework on Wednesdays so if it is not handed in it will not be marked.

Our English lessons will be based around Harry Potter in the first two weeks so we will be watching clips from the first two films (please let Mrs Dunbar know if you are not permitted to watch the films, they are PG rating. We only need to know if you are NOT permitted to watch them). If you all work hard as a treat we will watch the whole film on our Harry Potter Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. You can dress up for this day but please do not make your parents go out and spend lots of money on Harry Potter outfits! Please do not bring in wands as we will make them.

Our PE slot is currently on a Wednesday afternoon but this may change so please ensure that your kit is brought into school on Monday morning. Remember, everything needs to be labeled. I will send kits home at the end of each half term or that week if they get wet and muddy. It would be useful if you could also bring in a pair of wellies (NAMED) as we will endeavor to go to the woods at least once a week for outside learning.

If you are asthmatic please make sure you bring in a labeled, in date, inhaler and that the office has a copy of your asthma plan (your GP will have provided you with this). Likewise, for any other medication, check expiry dates and ensure all medicines go through Mrs Dunbar in the office please. If you have allergies, please ensure you have kept the office up to date as we will be doing cooking etc throughout the year. I use gluten free and dairy free products at home so will always endeavour to bring in substitutes to ensure nobody misses out!

It seems a lot to take in but I hope that you will enjoy being in Year 5 and have lots of fun whilst you learn. We work hard but we do enjoy a giggle too 😊. We are all really looking forward to you being in Year 5.

I think that is about it, I will write again if I remember anything else but have a lovely summer break.

Mrs Williams (Year 5 Teacher)

Mrs Miller, Mrs Hall, Mrs Quick and Mrs Major (Teaching Assistants)