

## Homework, PE and Equipment

### PE Days are Wednesday and Thursday

Children need to wear a plain white t shirt, black shorts and trainers.

### Jewellery

For reasons of safety, only stud earrings and watches may be worn by the children at school. In PE lessons all jewellery must be removed.

### Equipment

Children do not need to bring their own equipment to school as everything they need is provided.

### Homework

The expectation for Year 5 is that children read daily. They should read to an adult as often as possible and adults must record each reading session in the home/school record. All children will have a homework book and the children are expected to look after it. Homework books will be **given out on a Friday** and will then be collected in on the following **Thursday**.

The homework will be posted on Class and it guides you through the activities to complete each day. Please ensure the children complete the appropriate activity.

Each day will have a specific focus:

Every Day – **Reading**

Monday – **Menu Monday** (completing an activity from the menu choices)

Tuesday – **Times Table Tuesday** (learning times tables)

Wednesday – **Word Wednesday** (learning to read and spell new words)

Thursday – **Thunk Thursday** (discussion of a tricky question)

Friday – **Find a Fact Friday** (research and discuss facts)

### **Year 5 Dates for your Diaries**

Trip: Dates to be confirmed.

### **How you can help:**

- ✓ Learning times tables is a key skill that will support your child at school
- ✓ Support your child to complete their homework
- ✓ Read on a regular basis
- ✓ Practise times tables regularly

## Welcome to Year 5 Morpurgo and Tolkien



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



## Welcome to Year 5

This year group booklet has been designed to answer many of the questions you may have about Briar Hill and the curriculum that your child is experiencing.

In Year 5 we expect all children to really begin to develop those independent thinking skills that will underpin the rest of the learning that they will experience here at Briar Hill. We want the children to be inquisitive; we want the children to be challenged and we want the children to develop into amazing citizens in the future.

To do this we have created an UKS2 curriculum which is knowledge-based, engaging, challenging and most importantly relevant to the children and we aim to make links across subjects and to real life situations.

Independent reading is an important part of the children's learning so therefore the children will be encouraged to self-manage the changing of books. 'Talk for Reading' sessions in school will be focused on supporting the children to learn effective strategies for comprehending the text on a deeper level, alongside the decoding of the text (the mechanics of reading). Comprehension is a huge part of developing the children into wide and avid readers.

The home-school relationship is vital to a successful year. Parents are most welcome in Briar Hill. You will have access to the Year 5 team at the beginning and the end of the day. We strongly believe in working in partnership and encourage parents and guardians to become involved in school life. We will be using Class Dojo to connect with parents and we can help set up any accounts and show you how useful the App can be. We will be providing a wide range of opportunities throughout the year which will include; parent evenings, workshops, special assemblies, wow events, productions and learning showcases.

We are very excited about the remaining time we have together in Year 5 and look forward to celebrating your children's successes with you.

## Autumn Term Curriculum News

During this term in RE Year 5 will learn and explore different aspects of Christianity, particularly with a focus on biblical stories. This term, science will cover the human body and how the circulatory system works, we shall be creating clay hearts! Throughout our learning journey, Year 5 will be focusing on world geography and the development of West Africa. In IT, we will be learning about E-Safety and will also be movie makers, creating exciting mini movies. In addition to this we shall be learning Cantonese! If you're inspired by any of our learning in class, why not conduct your own research project at home about West Africa, E-Safety, the Cantonese language or Christian stories? We would love to see them!

### In Maths

This term will be spent developing the children's knowledge and understanding of place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). Once the children have mastered each concept they will deepen their understanding by applying their skills to reasoning problems.

### In English

Throughout this term, the children will be learning and writing their own setting descriptions, biographies and rewrite their own versions of Beowulf. In addition to this, the children will then move on to write in role and produce cross-curricular writing in other subjects, for example they will write diaries and reports in their geography lesson and instructions in science. The children will also complete daily reading challenges, handwriting and spelling activities.