

Welcome to Year 5

Homework

- Homework bingo will be set on the Year 5 home learning page on the website for the half term.
- Maths homework is set on Monday and due in on Friday at the latest for marking in class.
- Please help your child to read homework tasks to ensure they understand the instructions fully. Helping your child check their homework can really help to develop their learning.
- Reading records are due in on Friday and will be returned on the same day. Please read at least 3 times a week **for min** and ensure your child writes a detailed comment for you to sign.

How to Help at Home

Please continue to encourage your child to be independent, for example remembering which days they need to come to school in PE kit and ensuring that they have their reading book and reading record.

Our school encourages children to have a growth mindset in order to be the best learners they can be. These skills can also be developed at home. The five key points are:

- 1) Embrace challenge.
- 2) Persevere
- 3) Put in the effort
- 4) Learn from feedback.
- 5) Learn from the success of others.



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Writing

- The expectation in Year 5 is that all handwriting is joined and in black handwriting pen.
- For spelling activities, we expect all spellings to be correct – these can be found on the Year 5 home learning page. We also expect children to edit their work to ensure capital letters, full stops and other punctuation is correct.
- Details on 'What makes a good writer in year 5?' can be found on the Year 5 information page.
- Additional dojos will be awarded for writing tasks completed as part of the half-termly home learning bingo.



ClassDojo

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Reading

Most children in Year 5 are free readers and they can choose books from home or school to read. We encourage them to use the 'Five Finger Test' to help them choose books that are at the appropriate level.

Some children are still developing fluency in Year 5 and they need to continue reading aloud to an adult. Others will be able to "read in their head" and then discuss what they have read with you. More information about the best way to help your child practise at home can be found on the Year 5 information webpage.

We really want to foster a love of reading and appreciate your support with this at home. The children should read from a wide range of genres and in different contexts. Using the local library and sharing more challenging texts with your child will also benefit them – you are never too old to be read a bedtime story! Online books at the appropriate level can be found on the Year 5 information page and children are regularly allocated new books to read on Bug Club.



5 Finger Test

Take the 5 finger test to find out if a book is just right for you. Pick a page and start reading out loud.

Each time you come to a tricky word you don't know- put one finger up.

1 Finger- Easy!

2 Fingers- Just right

3 Fingers- A little bit hard but could be fun to try

4 Fingers- Difficult to read (try reading with parents or friends)

5 Fingers- Too difficult for now- save it for next year

Maths

- Regularly practise times tables and related division facts. This can be done in lots of ways including Times Table Rock Stars (www.ttrockstars.com/login). The expectation is that all children have rapid recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. If your child is not able to recall these facts in and out of order, it is particularly important they practise them at home.
- Use every day opportunities such as using money, telling the time, estimating, weighing and measuring to develop maths skills. Useful websites to support your child are on the maths curriculum page of the website. Maths games on Active Learn are assigned to your child to support the learning happening at school.
- Telling the time is a life skill. Children are encouraged to wear watches (not smart watches) to school. If your child finds it hard to tell the time, extra practise at home will really help.



For further information, please see our school website (www.wickfordprimary.uk) or class teachers can be contacted through the email address (Y5-20@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk) The website also has all letters including the weekly newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

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