

Welcome to Year 5



Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.
Helen Keller



With this in mind here are a few of the different ways that you can help us, to help your child(ren) during their time in year 5.

How to Help at Home

Please continue to encourage your child to be independent as much as possible. E.g. remembering to come to school in the correct uniform, recording in reading journal and handing in letters etc. Having a 'growth mindset' is essential for children to progress. Model being resilient and tackling challenges in the context of learning.

Reading – to help develop a wealth of skills, including fluency and pace, explanation skills, imagination, understanding of words, writing skills and so much more you could:

- Promote reading as fun and not something they have to do. This can be done in lots of ways e.g. by reading to them or taking it in turns to read sentences or pages. Make sure they have a rich reading diet e.g. Comics, magazines, using the local library, online articles on Newsround for example, and e-books on MyOn.
- Encourage them to read their school book. Use their ZPD range to select an appropriate text and continue to listen to them read aloud.
- Remind children to apply their phonics and question unfamiliar word meaning.
- Remember to sign and record at least three comments in the reading record every week.



Writing

- Continue to support your child with their handwriting. The overall aim is for children to have clear writing and consistently join letters. We would expect clear capital letters larger than lower case letters, writing on the line, clear ascenders and descenders, and flicks and curves to support joining.
- Children will write in pen and are expected to join their handwriting. They will be given a school pen but may bring in one that they feel more comfortable writing in.
- Support children with editing their written work completed for home learning for grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Helping your child learn the [statutory spellings](#) for years 5 & 6 would also be of great benefit to them.

Maths

- Regularly practise times tables. This can be done in lots of ways including Times Table Rock Stars (www.ttrockstars.com/login).
- Use everyday opportunities such as using money, telling the time, estimating, weighing and measuring.
- Children are encouraged to wear watches (apart from smart watches) to school.
- Support children with checking over their home learning – making sure that the correct method has been used and all answers make sense in the context given.

Dates and Other information

- Greek day – To be confirmed. Includes outside visitor. Voluntary contributions will be asked for.
- Swimming – Every Tuesday for the first half of the Autumn term
- Children to come to school in PE kits on Friday for the first term. Exact dates for each class can be found on the PE section of the school website.
- Maths home learning activity - set Monday and due in on Friday at the latest.
- Bingo home learning activities are set half termly and can be found on the Year 5 page.
- Reading records are handed in and returned every Friday.
- Please check the Year 5 page on the website sheet for updated information.

For further information, please see our school website (www.wickfordprimary.uk). This also has all letters including the weekly newsletter. If you have any questions throughout the year, please get in contact with us via the Year 5 email y5-21@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

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