

Swifts Class



Welcome to Year 5!

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I'm sure you can appreciate, at the moment we don't really know what the situation will be in the autumn term so we are planning ahead with the information we have. If any of this changes we will, of course, inform you as soon as possible.

Whilst the new school year seems to be a way off at the moment, I hope you find this brief introduction to year 5 helpful, prior to our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in the new term.

September

Our classroom is next door to year 4, just slightly further up the corridor. In the mornings and at home time, year 5 will use the 'top' door (nearest Moor Road) to come into and to leave the key stage 2 building.

For the first few days back we will be doing some getting to know you, team building and settling in activities, which we would ordinarily have been done this term. Then the first full week in school (7th September) we will begin our topic work and make a proper start to year 5.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet me and the year 5 team on Tuesday 8th September at 3:30pm. At this meeting I will share more about the year 5 curriculum and will be a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have.

Topic

Our topic for the first term is 'Who were the Anglo-Saxons?' where we will be learning about this period in the history of Britain. The majority of our class work will be linked to this topic, including the English work. In English our class reading book will be Michael Morpurgo's 'Beowulf'.

I'm hoping to have a **Wow Anglo-Saxon Day** on Monday 7th September to start our topic - costumes will be optional!

Equipment

Each day, year 5 will be expected to bring their reading book, reading record, pencil case (see below for more about this) and a named water bottle into the classroom. These will all be taken home again at the end of the school day and should be returned the following day. The water bottle should be brought to school each day already filled with **water**.



★ **PE kit**

★ Please see the school's PE kit list to ensure your child has the correct kit. The PE kit is your child's responsibility and will need to be in a bag which will be kept in the cloakroom.
★ Please ensure all clothing, including footwear, is named which will help tremendously when kit has been misplaced!

★ **Pencil cases**

★ We would like all children in Key Stage 2 to have their own pencil case in September to avoid the need to share equipment. In their pencil cases they will need these essentials:

- ★ • Pencil
- ★ • Black pen
- ★ • Purple pen
- ★ • Pink, yellow & green highlighter pens
- ★ • Ruler
- ★ • Rubber
- ★ • Sharpener
- ★ • Pencil crayons (to avoid having to share).
- ★ • Pritt stick

★ **Homework**

★ Homework will be set weekly, on a Friday, and completed online using Seesaw.
★ Spellings will also be given out on a Friday (attached is the year 5/6 statutory spelling list)
★ Reading – we expect children to read regularly.
★ Times Tables Rock Stars – we expect children to access this fabulous resource at home.

★ **Hand gel**

★ We will have hand gel in school for children to use but if you wish for your child to bring their own, that is absolutely fine.

★ I am very much looking forward to meeting my class in September and getting to know you all too. Until then, I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Miss Martin

