



# Whitefriars School Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the next stage of your child's learning. The teachers in Year 5 this year are Miss Maloney, Mr Banks and Miss Kharbanda.

**For English** this term, we will be focusing on developing key skills from Year 4 to bridge learning gaps as well as embedding Year 5 core skills. This will involve key skills such as, sentence structure, building vocabulary, spelling, handwriting and punctuation. We will also be looking at a variety of narratives and analysing how authors use language to enhance a text.

**For Maths** this term, we will begin to look at Year 4 and 5 Place Value learning outcomes including, reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers. We will then move onto developing their knowledge of the 4 operations- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Pupils are given a wide range of resources to support their learning.

**Our Topic learning** for this term is '**How did Victorian ideas change the world?**' We will be teaching skills from across the History and Geography curriculum and including cross curricular learning in areas such as Art, Design and Technology, PSHE and Science.

To ensure that your child is prepared for their daily learning and the new challenges in Year 5, it would help if you could:

- Make sure that your child comes to school for 8.35m and that they attend school everyday unless unwell please ensure the school office is made aware of your child's absence.
- Help your child to complete their Home Learning to the highest standard
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school
- Ensure your child has a nutritious breakfast as this will help them concentrate in class
- Ensure that your child brings a reusable water bottle into school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day
- Make sure your child is prepared for the school day by having the correct equipment and uniform.

We strongly request that your child **reads for a minimum of 20 minutes every evening** and an adult/older sibling questions them about what they have been reading. This will help build comprehension skills and also allow them to build upon their vocabulary.

**For PE** this year, pupils will attend **swimming sessions at Harrow Leisure centre** which will be led by a swimming instructor. These sessions will take place every Thursday afternoon. Further guidance on this will be sent shortly. They will also have an Indoor PE session at school every Tuesday. Please ensure pupils come to school with their correct PE/swimming kit for those days only.

Home Learning will be set each **Thursday**, and will be expected in the **following Monday**. Home Learning is a time to work alongside your child to support their learning at home. They will have three sections to complete: one English based; one Maths based and one Topic based. Spellings will also be set each week which will be tested the following week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the school using the address below to arrange a time for the class teacher to speak with you.

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Thank you

Year 5 Team