



Greystoke Primary School

Enabling our children to reach
their full potential

Year 5 Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter

Dear Year 5 Families,

We are thrilled to welcome the children into Upper Key Stage 2 and we have an exciting year ahead! An overview of the curriculum that we will be covering will follow this newsletter. Below, we have some key information that will help the children settle back into the new term.

Uniform

At the start of the school year it is wonderful to see so many pupils wearing Greystoke uniform, they look very smart! Children should now only wear school uniform in the Greystoke colours and should not wear hoodies/jackets in school. Please can you ensure that all your child's uniform is named.

Water Bottles, Snacks, Walking permission & Phones

Pupils are encouraged to bring water into school so they can have a drink during the day. Please do not send in juice; this is not allowed except with their lunch. If your child would like to have milk at breaktime, then please contact the office to pay for this weekly. Children are allowed healthy snacks at breaktime and should bring these into class in the mornings.

In year 5, children are able to walk home or to an agreed meeting place. Please contact the office if you would like to give permission for your child to walk home from school. We will only allow children to leave the school site without an adult if written permission has been given to the office. Those children walking home are also able to bring a mobile phone to school. This must be switched off before entering the school site and placed in a tray on entering the classroom, that will be kept securely in the office. For safeguarding reasons, the pupils phones should not be switched back on until they have left the school site.

Reading

Pupils will all be given a PM reading book (unless they are a free reader) and new reading record. Please try to read with your child every night for 5-10 minutes. You can then make a comment in their reading records. Please make sure their books and records are sent back to school with them every day. Children will also choose a library book based on their Lexile level using Scholastic Pro. When they have completed a book, they should complete a quiz on the platform to increase their word count for the year! More information about this system will be available on your child's Microsoft Teams page.

How we will Communicate

Over the academic year, we will regularly communicate with children and parents through Microsoft Teams. Please take the time to ensure that you can access this at home and contact your teacher if you are unable to. There will be an area for general parent questions on this page, but please be aware that this page is open for all parents and children to see.

We are always here to support you and your child; if you have any concerns or questions specifically regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, please feel free to speak to the class teacher: Mr Atkinson (5JA) or Miss Cockram (5EC) or contact the school office if you'd like a phone call or meeting.

Kind Regards,

Mr J Atkinson and Miss E Cockram

PE

Pupils are expected to wear a PE kit when taking part in physical exercise and should come to school dressed in their kit on their set days. They should have both indoor (shorts, house T-shirt and plimsolls) and outdoor kit (tracksuit and trainers).

Year 5 will have PE on Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon this term. Please note that any timetable changes will be communicated through Microsoft Teams.

Homework and spellings

Homework and spellings will be set every Monday through Microsoft Teams. This can be completed online or by hand and should be shared with your teacher by the following Monday. If you require any support with accessing the homework through Microsoft Teams, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Spellings will be tested the following Monday, so pupils will have a full week to practise them at home.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There will be lots of opportunities for children to take part in extra-curricular activities this year, including lunch time clubs, sporting events and music lessons. Please look out for information on these throughout the year.

Trips

Please look out for letters regarding trips this year. For our Space topic, we have a visitor booked in for Wednesday 13th September and our trip to the Space Centre on Monday 18th September. Our Spring and Summer topic focuses, Vikings and Egyptians, will also involve some exciting, immersive experiences.