



Welcome to Year 5

– RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE –

The Y5 Team:

Mrs Altounyan (Class teacher, Catstycam)
Mrs Hunter (Class teacher, Fairfield)
Miss Richards Class teacher, Fairfield, Autumn term
Mrs Sam Wilkinson (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Powell (Teaching Assistant)
Mr Buxton (Teaching Assistant)

Some lessons will be taught by:
Mrs Middleton (Headteacher)
Miss Hildrew & Mrs Lawson (PPA teachers)

Homework in Y5:

Homework is an important way of practising skills learnt in school and preparing your child for the homework expectations in Secondary School.

We set homework on Mondays for the following Monday.

- Times Table Rock Stars: 3 - 9 minutes of 'Garages' each week, best completed in 3 sets of 3 minutes to keep number facts fresh.
- Athletics - 2 activities linked to the learning in school, then 'top up' their score to 1,000 points.
- Spelling Shed: we teach a new spelling rule and group of spellings each Friday. Play 3 games to practise these spellings weekly.
- Please read and discuss your child's book with them as much as possible, ideally 5x20 minute sessions each week.

Key texts we will study in Literacy this year:

These are the books we will use to inspire our writing learning this year. We encourage you to borrow these from the local library and enjoy them at home when they are being studied too.

- Room 13 by Robert Swindells
- A Galaxy of her Own by Libby Jackson
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- Viking Boy by Tony Bradman
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio

PE Timetable:

Pupils in Y5 will have indoor PE on Tuesdays and Outdoor PE on Fridays. They should come to school in their correct PE kit and trainers on these days.

Class Dojo:

Y5 staff will use Class Dojo to communicate key messages or important reminders with you. These will appear in the 'class story' section of Dojo. We hope this will help parents and carers keep informed about what is happening in school.



Topics we will cover:

| Term: | Topics: |
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| Autumn | Forces, Space Maps The Vikings Computer Systems, Programming Relationships Sculpture Lanterns Fitness, Volleyball Gymnastics, Golf |
| Spring | Space, Animals The Lake District Vikings Settlements Flat-file Databases, Vector Graphics Health and Wellbeing Collage Dance, Football Yoga, Basketball |
| Summer | Changing States Ancient Greeks Volcanoes & Earthquakes Video Production and Selection Living in the Wider World Picnic Pies Dodgeball, Tennis Gymnastics, Athletics |

Other important reminders:

School day timings:

“Be at the door by 8:54”

- School opens from 8:45am for staggered entry. Registers are taken promptly at 8:55am.
- Any child arriving after 8:55am is late and will need to enter school via the main school office.

The school day ends at 3:15pm.

Family involvement in school life:

We are delighted if parents/grandparents would like to help and be involved in classroom activities, for example listening to children read. If you are able to offer your time, please see your child’s class teacher. Help with day trips and visits is also very much appreciated.

School uniform:

Please label all clothing with your child’s name. We have dozens of items of unnamed uniform lost each month across school. Our agreed school uniform can be found on our school website: [Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform](#)

To promote recycling and re-using uniform, Friends of Heron Hill manage a pre-loved uniform swap. Items are free but you can choose to make a small donation (which goes towards funding school visits and special events for our pupils). FOHH holds a termly uniform stall but you can also request items by emailing admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk If we have uniform items in stock, we will be delighted to pass them on. If you have uniform items which are in good condition but too small for your child, please donate them to the uniform swap.

Reports and parents' evenings:

There are 2 compulsory parent consultation evenings: one in October, another in March. Written reports are issued in July and reflect your child’s achievements for the whole year. An optional parent consultation is offered after reports, if required.

Snacks:

All year groups have a morning break each day. This is an ideal time to snack on **fruit, veg sticks, cheese or a healthy snack such as mini rice cakes** to give children a little energy boost until lunchtime. Crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted. Nuts are also not allowed due to severe allergies in school.

Water bottles:

All pupils need a named water bottle in school every day. This must not contain juice or squash and should contain water only. Pupils will be encouraged to stay hydrated through the school day as this is good for their brain health and concentration.

Lunchtime:

Our catering provider TNS provide a high-quality range of hot school meals daily for the price of £3.25 per meal. The latest menu is visible on the SCOPay platform which is also where you can place orders.

If preferred, a packed lunch can be provided by home. This must contain a balanced meal and not include large quantities of high-sugar products. Nuts and peanuts are not permitted in school under any circumstances. Please check lunchbox items to ensure they do not contain nuts/peanuts.

