YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

We are delighted that we will be working with you and your children during Year 5, your child's first year in phase 3. Your support is vital during your child's time in Year 5 at Windy Arbor. Our high expectations for your children are extremely important to us and if we work together, we will be providing the children with every advantage to succeed. Our topics this term will be Biomes and Ecosystems , Vikings and Living Things. Your child will be supported by Mrs Blakemore, Miss Fitter, Mrs Sterland and the phase leader, Mrs Haydon.

Be Windy SMART!

Children are encouraged to care for each other, their belongings, and the learning environment, instilling responsibility and respect. When challenging behaviour occurs, staff address it directly, explaining consequences and guiding children towards positive choices.



Attendance & Absences

Regular attendance helps children build routines, develop friendships, and make the most of their learning experiences.



Class Dojo & Reward System

Class Dojo is our school communication platform and reward system that teachers, children, and families use every day to build close-knit communities. Through Class Dojos we will share:

- Photos and updates on classroom activities
- Homework reminders and instructions
- Celebrations of pupil achievements

P.E KIT

- Green T-Shirt
- Black Shorts/Joggers or Leggings
- ALL Black Trainers/ Plimsoles
- Purple Hoodies are also allowed



Our P.E days are:
Wednesday and Thursday

We expect all children to come to school in the correct P.E kit on the days they have P.E.

IMPORTANT DATES

11th September	Roald Dahl Day
2nd October	Bike health checks
5th – 8th October	Bikeability
14th & 15th October	Parents evening
21st October	Year 5 harvest assembly
23rd October	Inset
27th November	Takeover day
4th December	Christmas Fayre
8th December	Year 5 Art workshop
10th December	Christmas jumper and lunch day.
18th December	Christmas party afternoon

DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

Children will also receive a reading record, which contains a template to show how reading should be recorded. This will

English

Children will look at a range of text types: portal story, limericks, persuasive writing and narratives. Through these lessons they will plan, draft, edit and evaluate their own work and publish their final pieces. This process allows children to up level and include subject specific vocabulary and grammar and reflect if their writing addresses the audience and purpose. The children will be required to produce written work, which showcases fluent and joined handwriting with high quality presentation.

Reading

This term the children are reading Windrush Child and Skellig. The children will continue to develop their skills through our school reading toolkits and comprehension skills. Please read with your child every day. When you read with your child at home, please support us with this by questioning them about what they have read and ask their opinion about the text. **Your child must read a minimum of three times per week.** These will count towards your child's Rainbow Reads.

Mathematics

During the Autumn Term, the children will look at numberand place valuethrough reading, writing and comparing numbers to 1,000,000. They will also round numbers and solve problems using this knowledge. They will also look at the four operations whilst solving problems with increased difficulty. During Autumn 2 the children will work on fractions, ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting them. Arithmetic skills and times tables are at the heart of all we do and again, completion of homework is crucial.

Timestables

In Year 5, mastering times tables is essential for building confidence in maths. We use TT Rockstars in school to practise recall and speed, and children are encouraged to continue with this at home. Regular short sessions make a big difference –please support your child's practice.

Science

In Autumn term our focus will be Living Things and animals including humans. We will explore the life cycles of humans and animals. We will continue to recall previous knowledge and build upon this. We will develop the children's scientific skills.

P.E

We will begin PE this term with basketball and indoor athletics. We will then move onto gymnastics and fitness. Children will need to be barefoot or have pumps provided for gymnastics. Children's PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Creative Curriculum

This term the children will explore the Geography of the UK through our first topic of Biomes and Ecosystems. The children will then move onto a detailed history topic of 'The Vikings', where they will explore life during the Viking era and the impact this has had on our lives today. The children will continue to develop their computing skills through Purple Mash. The children will be artists, developing their observational drawing and clay modelling skills.

Homework

Every week the children will receive homework, which must be returned the following Thursday. Children will also receive a reading record, which contains a template to show how reading should be recorded. It should be signed each week by the child and a family member. They will then be checked every **Thursday**, along with their homework by a member of staff.

Parental Support

Your support is vital during your child's year at Windy Arbor. We will encourage the children to share their homework and other challenges with you, so together we can help all the children reach their full potential. Your support with reading with your children and helping them with their times tables is crucial.