



Welcome to Summer term in Year 5 at Witton Middle School

Welcome back Year 5 children! I hope that you all enjoyed a very warm Easter break and haven't eaten too many easter eggs! It is a pleasure to see our children enjoying their time in school, making good progress and having fun whilst learning. Their attitudes encompass all the PRIDE values and I thank you all for the constant praise and encouragement that you give to your children at home.

It has been such a fabulous year so far and the first two terms have absolutely flown by! This term, we will look forward to exciting times ahead of us when we spend Transfer Day on Monday 1st July in our new classrooms for Year 6 with our Year 6 teacher. Please be assured that your children will be nurtured and supported in the transition process and will enjoy Year 6 (but their Year 5 teachers will really miss them when they move on!).

If you have any problems, please either come in to see us after school or contact us via the school office and your child's teacher will be happy to help you.

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This term

This term, our Year 5 curriculum will offer our children a wealth of opportunities to gain knowledge whilst working collaboratively. Our English curriculum is based on 'The Secret Garden' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The Secret Garden is set in Victorian Britain and our trip to **Blists Hill** will offer us an exciting way to bring this to life. In maths, we will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages; shape, co-ordinates and angles; converting measures and calculating volume. Our history topic is Ancient Greece and will culminate in an **ancient Greek day on Wednesday 17th July**. We will be refining our inference skills as artefact detectives, studying the key achievements of the ancient Greeks and appreciating how they have impacted on our lives today. Our design and technology topic is cookery and the children will have the opportunity to cook a range of dishes during the second half term. They will bring home a list of ingredients to prepare and bring into their lesson each week. Please can we ask you to weigh out the ingredients beforehand as this maximises cooking time during lessons. Our science topics are 'Living Things' and 'Earth and Space'. We will be using identification keys to classify animals; creating an identification key to classify animals; planning, conducting and evaluating an enquiry; exploring the solar system; explaining day and night; understanding the phases of the moon. During computing lessons, children will be using Scratch creating animated stories.

You can see an overview of our Year 5 Summer curriculum on our topic map for Summer.

Organisers and reading records

It is important that your child brings their organiser to and from school daily. They use their organiser every lesson. For example, they use the red, amber and green pages for children to indicate their level of confidence and understanding during lessons and children can use this as a non-verbal request for support. They will record their homework given each week in their organiser and also record the Dojos they have earned. By bringing their organiser daily, they will be able to record all of their achievements. Additionally, if you have any messages to pass to their class teacher or any other staff members, you can write a note in the organiser (your child will need to show the note to their teacher). Your child's teacher will sign the organiser each week and we ask you to also sign it.

We have 3 main behaviour expectations at Witton. They are:

- Respect for all.
- Ready to learn.
- Responsible.

We offer recognition and celebration of pupils who follow these expectations.

Your child should be recording their daily reading in their purple reading record book. Their class teacher will award Dojos for daily reading and your child will also receive a reading certificate when they have read specific numbers of books (10,20, 30 etc.)



Homework

Homework is set each Wednesday to be returned by the following Tuesday. Children will receive a homework grid and this will also be available to see on the Witton website. They will complete their homework in their homework book. We will set 3 homeworks each week:

- 1 Numeracy based homework task
- A grammar or spelling based activity (based on the National Curriculum)
- 1 writing based task

Additionally, we would like your child to read at least four times a week, preferably aloud for about 10 minutes. As a guide, to gauge if your child's book is at the right level for them, they should only find five to 10 words per page challenging to read or understand. Reading is a very important part of learning and we encourage children to read a wide range of types of books written by different authors. Our school library offers a wealth of books and your child will be able to choose books from our library. We offer a homework club at school lunchtimes where we can support your child with their homework (days are on our website). This offers a great opportunity for children who lead very busy lives outside school to do their homework within the school day.



Dates for your diary

This term, we can look forward to the following events in Year 5:

- **Thursday 23rd May** Y5 non-uniform day and golden time.
- **Friday 24th May** **School closes at 3pm for half term.**
- **Tuesday 11th June** **Year 5 trip to Blists Hill (back at 4.30pm)**
- **Wednesday 12th June** **Witton open day 8.45am to 12pm and 3.30pm to 6.30pm**
- **Tuesday 18th June** SEN coffee morning 10.30am to 11.30am
- **19th to 24th June** Book fair in school
- **Monday 1st July** **Droitwich pyramid Transfer Day (spend a day in new Year 6 class).**
- **Thursday 11th July** **Sports Day**
- **Wednesday 17th July** **Year 5 Ancient Greek Day (letter to follow)**
- **Thursday 18th July** Y5 non-uniform day and golden time.
- **Friday 19th July** **School closes at 3pm for Summer break**

