



Welcome to Witton Middle School

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all our wonderful new Year 5 children as they start their exciting journey here at Witton Middle School. We are very lucky to have such an inspiring and enthusiastic team of teachers and teaching assistants to support and guide your children through year 5. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us either in person or by phoning or emailing the school office.

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This term

This term, our English curriculum is based on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'The Highwayman' poem. For the first four weeks of this term, our geography topic is entitled 'My community'. We will be exploring the facilities offered in Droitwich and designing a survey, in small groups, to ask members of the public in Droitwich about improvements they would like to see to our town's facilities. In history lessons, we will be studying 'Anglo-Saxons and Vikings'. Our science topics include forces and properties of materials, where we will be investigating different forces and testing materials to find out about their properties. Our art topic is 'Drawing and Colour' and the children will be gaining knowledge of the colour wheel, developing their pencil drawing skills and applying these skills in a self-portrait. In design and technology lessons, our children will be designing and making a prototype of a new trim trail station for our school and will be refining their woodwork skills using a range of tools. In computing lessons, children will be developing greater awareness of how to keep themselves safe when using computers and mobile phones and then they will be using 'Pivot' to create short animation clips. Our Ethics considers the question of why some people believe that God exists and is important to them.

We also have an exciting team building trip booked for Monday 23rd September to Aztec Outdoor Education Centre (letter sent out on transfer day). This trip will support the new classes to become strong teams and will further develop your child's self-confidence. We really need your support to ensure that this trip is a great success. Please contact us if you have any concerns with the cost.

School Journals, Rewards and Reading Records.

It is important that your child brings their school journal to and from school daily. They use their school journal to log important information, for example, the key dates within the school calendar and any school log ins and passwords. Additionally, if you have any messages to pass to their class teacher or any other staff members, you can write a note in the journal (your child will need to show the note to their teacher).

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 will soon be given a reading record book to record all the reading they do and they will receive rewards for their reading achievements.

Homework

Your child will be set homework as follows:

- A SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and reading comprehension task from their English homework booklet – a task is set each Wednesday to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- A foundation subject task from their foundation subject booklet (other subjects like science, art and French). In simple terms, a task is set fortnightly on Wednesdays. French vocabulary is included and would be best learned by spending 5 minutes daily to memorise vocabulary.
- Their maths homework will be set each Tuesday in response to their needs in lessons and will be marked in class on Thursdays (2 days to complete)
- Additionally, we would like your child to read for 10 minutes daily, preferably aloud. As a guide, to gauge if your child's book is at the right level for them, they should only find 5 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 books written by different authors. We offer a homework club at school during lunchtimes where we can support your child with their homework. 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:
- Y5 Class photos – Tuesday 10th September.
- Trip to Aztec Outdoor Education Centre – Monday 23rd September.
- Witton open day and open evening- Thursday 26th September (times TBA).
- Y5 Curriculum Evening – 'Helping your child with English and maths' Wednesday 9th October.
- Geography trip to Droitwich town centre (date TBA).
- Witton Fun Run for pupils and their families – Friday 25th October afternoon.
- Break up for half term Friday 25th October and return to school on Monday 4th November.
- Break up for Christmas on Friday 20st December and return to school on Tuesday 7th January.

