



WELCOME TO Year 5

Name

Class

The Year five staff welcomes you and your child. If you have any questions please contact the school office on Luton 572100 to make an appointment to speak to one of the Year five team.

Classes

Mars
Neptune
Jupiter
Venus
Saturn
Indoor PE
Computing

Teachers

Mrs S Hussain (Achievement leader)
Mrs Compton
Miss Davies
Miss Wilson & HLTA
Mrs Slater
Mr Osborne and Mr Britten
Mr Vallely

Teaching Assistants in the upper school:

Mrs F Hussain, Ms Ashraf, Miss Gazi Ms Mushtaq

Themes for the year

We aim to empower the children by encouraging creativity, problem solving and independence in all aspects of learning. As such, we set a broad and varied curriculum, taught in discrete subjects however, English and Maths skills are interspersed in all other curriculum areas where the subject allows.

Autumn Term:

Science- Living Things and their Habitats and Human Growth
Computing- Online safety, game development and artists
Art - Greek pottery
DT- Mobile technology cases
French- Salutations, shopping and grammar
Geography- Coasts
History- Ancient Greece
PSHE/RHE- Happy and Healthy Friendships
RE-Justice and poverty and how and why people inspire others
Music- Hip Hop music and composition
PE- Dance, sports hall athletics and outdoor games.

Spring Term:

Science -Forces and properties of Materials
Computing- Online safety, cryptography and web development
Art - William Morris printing
DT - Cookies
French- Classroom objects, sports and hobbies, likes and dislikes
Geography - Alaska
History - Luton in the Past
PSHE/RHE- Caring and Responsibilities / Healthy Bodies and Minds
RE- Values of Humanism and Christianity and God as holy and loving
Music- Indian Raga / Ukulele
PE- Acrobatics and Outdoor adventurous activities

Summer Term:

Science - Changes of materials and Earth and Space
Computing - Architecture, estate agents and commands
Art - Cubism
DT- Moving toys
French - Food and Weather
Geography – local area field study
History - The Shang Dynasty
PSHE/RHE - Healthy bodies, Healthy minds, Coping with Changes
RE - How do Christians decide how to live and Hinduism
Music - Samba / Journey into Space
PE- Tennis, athletics and outdoor games

English - Children are taught English daily in mixed-ability groups by their class teacher. This is supplemented with twice weekly reading lessons and spelling lessons.

Maths - The study of mathematics is an important and well-liked part of daily life at William Austin Junior School. Children have a maths lesson with their class teacher each day as well as regular opportunities to practise and learn their multiplication tables. Each child will have access to the Times Tables Rock Stars website where they can further practise their multiplication tables as well as take part in competitions against other children in the school.

Renaissance Reading

We are fully committed to providing our children with numerous opportunities, support and resources to develop them as readers. We all know that reading is a crucial part of learning. It is also highly enjoyable!

Star Assessments: children take 3 assessments each year. These provide us with data on a pupil's reading level and progress.

Accelerated Reader: children choose a levelled reading book from our fully stocked library. Children are heard reading in school and we encourage them to take their books home. We appreciate your support in hearing your children read daily, for a minimum of 10 mins. **Please sign children's reading records daily.** Once the book is completed, children take a short quiz to assess their comprehension and provides them with instant feedback on their progress.

MyON: This fantastic, personalised learning resource gives all pupils at our school, access to nearly 6000 digital library books matched to their reading interests and reading level. **myON** has books from every genre to engage even the most reluctant readers. All the books provide a magnificent learning experience and reading for fun, which can be accessed from all devices at home or in school.

Homework

We believe that homework plays an important part in pupils' progress at school. Every child will be set Learning Log homework every Wednesday and children are expected to submit their homework on the following Monday. We would appreciate parents' involvement with their child's Learning Log tasks. They will also be set a piece of daily English and daily maths homework (KIRF – key instant recall of facts) – set at the beginning of the week, this will need to be bought into school daily so that it can be self assessed. We appreciate daily support with reading, and spellings as these are key skills. We would also encourage the use of Times Tables Rockstars application and MyMaths website to support the children in maths learning.

Physical Education

Children are expected to have suitable clothing and footwear for all PE, games and dance lessons. Please refer to the uniform list below. Outdoor PE kit should be worn to school on **Monday**; indoor PE kit should be worn to school on the following days: **Monday - Neptune, Tuesday - Saturn, Wednesday - Jupiter, Thursday - Venus and Friday - Mars**

Physical Education kit

- White polo shirt with school logo, or plain white T-shirt
- Black leggings/sweatpants
- Black sweatshirt (no hood or zip)
- Black plimsolls
- Trainers (Outdoor games only)

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear the school uniform. The jumpers, cardigans and tie can be purchased from JS sports, Neville Road, Luton, LU3 2JQ. Optional summer uniform will only be allowed to be worn from the start of the Summer Term, when directed by the Head teacher. The tie can be bought from the school office. All items of clothing should be marked with your child's name.

Girls' school uniform

- Grey trousers or skirt
- White shirt
- School tie
- Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Plain grey, black or white socks
- Flat, plain black shoes

Optional uniform

- Royal blue tunic set, worn with cardigan with school logo
- Royal blue, ready-made, one-piece headscarf

Boys' school uniform

- Grey long trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Plain grey, black or white socks
- Plain black shoes

White and brightly coloured trainers are not acceptable, except for sports activities where separate footwear is important.

For safety reasons, jewelry is not permitted with the exception of a watch (not a smartwatch) and one stud earring in each earlobe. Watches must be removed for PE and earrings should be removed, or taped (if you plan to have your

Girls' optional summer uniform

- Royal blue polo shirt with school logo
- Blue gingham dress

Boys' optional summer uniform

- Grey, tailored shorts
- Royal blue polo shirt with school logo

child's ears pierced please consider when you do so, so there is enough time for them to be removed for these activities). Teachers cannot be held responsible for any accidents relating to the wearing of jewellery.

Hair should be modest in style and of a natural colour. Patterns shaved into hair or eyebrows are not appropriate for school. Hair bands and bows can be worn. Long hair must be tied back for PE and Games. Pupils should not wear make-up or nail polish. Mobile phones should not be brought to school.

Pupils must have an outdoor and an indoor pair of footwear for PE and Games lessons. Please make sure that if your child has asthma that the school has their inhaler. Your child will need to collect this before their PE lesson from the medical room. If your child is unable to do PE because of medical or health reasons then please write a letter to the PE teacher to explain why they will not be able to do PE.

It is essential that all items of clothing and equipment be clearly and permanently named.

Personal equipment

Your child will need the following items: a water bottle, blue handwriting pen (not biro), pencil, ruler, pencil case, rubber, spare pencils and pens, PE clothing bag (named). Most of these are available in the school shop - pens are sold (from the office) for 50p each.

We would like to remind parents that children should not bring valuables to school.

Events during the year

We plan a variety of visits and speakers linked to the topics taught, for example; Warner Bros Studio, Walk to Bradgers Hill and Wardown Museum. You will be informed of these specific events during the year.

Themed Days

Themed days such as History Day, Global Day, French Day, Number Day, World Book Day as well as Science Week will be interspersed throughout the year and will support our rich curriculum. You will be notified of key events and requirements (i.e. dressing up etc.) as necessary.

PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) education

This subject allows pupils to stay healthy, safe and prepared for life – and work – in modern Britain, and also helps pupils to achieve their academic potential. Alongside PSHE, we also teach our children RHE (relationships and health) education where they are given information and skills to make healthy choices in life inside and outside of a school environment, as well as the skills to be able to use this information. We are using the 'Discovery Education' programme material to teach RHE where themes of personal safety and mental health and wellbeing are developed in an age-appropriate way and apply across topics. These include: personal boundaries and privacy, safety networks, safety skills, feelings and emotions, self-awareness, resilience and self-worth and positive mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

There will be a Citizenship day on the first day back of each half term. On this day, children will learn about the value of the month based on core British Values as well as other values and PSHE themes.

Please help your child by:

Making sure they come to school every day unless they are too ill

Making sure they are on time for school – doors open at 8.40 am

Making sure they bring their PE kit on the correct day

Making sure they have a quiet place to complete homework and they bring it back on time

Ring the school office to report your child's first day of absence.