

Welcome to the year 5 'Meet the teacher' meeting.

Our Team

Teachers:

Miss Dean (5D)

Mrs Thomas Miss Fortune (5TF)

Mrs Inman

Support staff:

Mrs Connor – Key worker

Mrs Flangan

Mrs Weynburg

Mrs Glatzhofer

Miss Buckingham

School website: www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk

Equipment

- Pencil cases are **not** necessary as we will provide your child with all the stationery which they require.
- Your child is expected to wear plain black shoes or trainers.
- Please make sure that all footwear is suitable for running around on the playground.

P.E

- PE days: Monday and Wednesday. The children will be taught by Mr Willard for their Monday and Wednesday PE lessons.
- PE kits should be worn to school on the PE days.
- PE kits should consist of shorts, house colour T-shirt, jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers.
- Children can also wear the new Pixmore PE kit if they own it however there is no requirement to buy it.
- Jewellery cannot be worn during PE. If your child cannot remove their own ear-rings, we have tape to cover them.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times.

Swimming

- From the 22nd of September, PE will be swimming on a Wednesday morning. The children should come to school with their swimming clothes underneath their PE kit as they will also have PE in the afternoon. From this date, children should no longer wear PE kit on a Monday. It will only be required on a Wednesday.

Homework

- Homework will be given on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday by posting it on See Saw.
- Every week the pupils will be given a set of Arithmetic questions with a few Reasoning questions at the end of each task.
- Choose your topic homework from the 'Topic grid'. Only **three tasks** need to be completed each **half term**.
- Homework must be posted on Seesaw.
- Please set some time aside each evening to hear your child read. We suggest a minimum of **20 minutes per evening**.
- Please keep practising times tables.
- If you need resources for home learning please do ask.

E-Safety

- If your child needs to use the internet they must be supervised and you need to make sure you have parental controls on.
- Ideally your child should only bring their phone to school if they walk home, during the school day it needs handed in to a member of the year 5 team where it will be stored in a cupboard. They can collect it at the end of the day.

Timetable/Curriculum

- Please refer to the curriculum map for details of the topics which your child will be taught this year. Our 'topic' for the first half term is 'Space'.
- **Literacy** will be taught in three groups to ensure maximum progress is made. Miss Dean, Mrs Inman and Mrs Thomas will take these groups.
- In the future additional sessions may be offered in **Mathematics**.
- We study changes in humans in Science in the summer term, this will include the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty.
- As part of the Music Curriculum, the children will learn to play the Djembe Drum. Lessons begin in the Spring Term

Reading

- At Pixmore, we teach reading through Reciprocal Reading and Reading Fluency.
- Children will all have a reading book when in school. They will either be reading a book from the school reading scheme or if they are a 'free reader', this can be a book of their choice. 'Free readers' can choose to read a book from home if they wish but this must be a lengthy chapter book and the content/subject matter must be age appropriate. If they choose to read a book from home, it must be **in school every day**.
- Some children will read to an adult during the week.

Writing Fluency

- One of the lasting issues from two national lockdowns and various periods of self-isolation has been the impact on writing. Stamina, vocabulary, secretarial skills, spelling have all taken a big hit as a result of the children missing school. To address some of these issues we have introduced writing fluency.
- **The intention behind a focus on writing fluency is:**
 - To build and develop children's accuracy (including punctuation, grammatical sentence structure and spelling) and speed when writing.
 - To instil an enjoyment for writing
 - To build children's writing stamina
 - The children will look at a picture prompt each week. We will have a brief discussion and then the children will write for 20 minutes.

Lesson Time

- During the course of a week, your child will be taught by their class teacher for the majority of the time. They may also work in small groups with Teaching Assistants which may be in or outside of the classroom, by Mrs Evans/Mr Willard (on a Wednesday afternoon) or by Mrs Inman (Deputy Head) in small literacy groups.

Pixmore Learning Power

- In Year 5 children are encouraged to grow in independence and make more sophisticated learning choices.
- Pixmore learning power is a whole school initiative to develop independent learning skills and we would appreciate your help in encouraging an enthusiasm for learning.
- We have **Upper Key Stage expectations** in Year 5 to help the transition into year 6.

End of day arrangements

- The children will be walked to the year 5 gate at the end of the day.
- They should be collected from this area unless prior arrangements have been made.
- Year 5 is a good time to start developing independence and you might like to start allowing your child to walk home (or part-way home) by themselves or with a friend. If you would like to do this, you **must** notify the class teacher either in person, via a note sent to class or by emailing the school teachers email address.
- Please notify the school if there is a change in the usual person that collects your child.

Partnership with parents

- If you wish to discuss anything with us at length, please email the teachers email address or make an appointment with the office.

schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk

Any questions?

