



# Year Five News

Mrs. Waring and Miss Eccles  
September 2016



## Welcome to Year 5!

To all our Year 5 pupils and families, we extend a warm welcome. We are really looking forward to this year and are sure that your child will have an enjoyable experience and make good progress in all aspects of their learning.

We hope that your child has settled well into school-life again. Already, we've been impressed by the children's enthusiasm, excitement and excellent manners. Long may this continue!

Throughout the year, we will aim to work very closely with you, in order to provide the highest possible standard of education for your child. We look forward to your support and co-operation throughout the coming year.

If you have any questions, concerns or if there is something you wish to talk to us about, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

*Mrs. Jessica Waring & Miss Natasha Eccles*

## P.E. and Sporting Activities

- For the first six weeks, **Mrs. Waring's** class will have **P.E.** on a **Monday** morning. **Miss Eccles'** class will have **P.E.** on a **Tuesday** morning. Full P.E. kit is expected.
- Boys' Gaelic takes place on Thursday after school. Gaelic for girls will begin soon. We'll keep you posted!

## Staff News

### Year 5 Teachers

- Mrs. Jessica Waring
  - Mr. Colm Tracey will cover for Mrs. Waring when she is on maternity leave.
- Miss Natasha Eccles

### Year 5 Teaching Assistants

- Mrs. Denise O'Hagan
  - working with Mrs. Waring
- Miss Janet Sloan
  - working with Miss Eccles



## Music Activities

- Mrs. Liggett – Violin / Cello tutor, takes lessons on Thursdays.
- Mrs. Edwards – Brass tutor, takes lessons on Fridays.
  - PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS!
- Mrs. Duddy takes Senior Choir rehearsals on Thursdays, at 2.00pm.

## French Club

- Mrs. Young takes French club on Monday after school.



# Our learning plan

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## Literacy

We will be reading our class novel, 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' and learning more about its author, Roald Dahl. Pupils will examine features of Roald Dahl's writing, such as how he often uses places to start his sentences. Children will also get to take on the role of an agony aunt, helping Bean (one of the farmers in the story), solve some of his many problems!



Our focus for grammar and punctuation will be to revise the basic skills such as using capital letters and full stops. We will also take some time to recap what nouns, verbs and adjectives are.

Alongside our phonics work (where we'll focus on ways to write 'oa', 'ow' and 'er') and beginning joined handwriting, amongst other activities, September promises to be a very busy month for Literacy activities!

## Numeracy

In Numeracy this month, we are:

- revising multiplication and division by 2, 5 and 10;
- reading and writing number names to 10,000;
- learning about ordinal numbers;
- exploring mental strategies for addition and subtraction within 100;
- counting out money amounts using £20, £10 and £5 notes and all coins;
- converting from pounds and pence to pence and vice versa, with 4-digit amounts;
- rounding to the nearest pound.

*Parents –*

you can help your child by asking them what they are learning about in Numeracy at school and quizzing them on their multiplication and division facts!



Please take time to talk with your child about the importance of staying safe online. The websites of the N.S.P.C.C. and the UK Safer Internet Centre are useful starting points for information and support.

## Topic

We'll be learning about **Ancient Egypt**. We will find out where Egypt is located and label features on a map of Ancient Egypt. We'll be finding out about key dates in the chronology of Ancient Egypt. We'll learn all about hieroglyphics and will have a go at creating our own cartouche. We'll learn about the River Nile and its importance to the Ancient Egyptians.