



Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Acacia Class YEAR 5 Parent Letter Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at school and into Year 5. We are really looking forward to what this year will bring and supporting the children to grow and progress. Throughout Year 5, we will be raising our expectations of the children in order to improve their independence and prepare them for Year 6 and beyond.

School Day

Timings – Gates open at 8.45 and registers at 8.55am.

End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

Uniform and belongings

Full school uniform, including smart, plain-black shoes (not trainers), is to be worn every day apart from PE days when children can attend in their PE kit. Long hair must all be tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish and any jewellery (apart from stud earrings) is not permitted in school. Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them every day, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable and that all of their belongings are clearly labelled. During the sunnier weather, please ensure your child has sun cream applied and has a sun hat to wear.

Snacks and Drinks

Children are invited to bring in their own healthy snacks for breaktime, but we ask that these are only fruit and vegetables. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them, which contains water only. Thank you.

Curriculum

Please see attached documents of our learning this half term.

Spellings

This year we will be using 'Spelling Frame' for spellings and each morning children will be practising the set spellings for the week through a range of activities. They will also have access to Spelling Frame at home to practise and then in school we will check their spellings for the week on a Thursday. More information will be sent out shortly.





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Accelerated Reader

We will be continuing to use Accelerated Reader this year. Children will be given a ZPD range where they will then be able to choose books from the library to read from that range. They will then need to complete their Accelerated Reader Quiz as soon as possible after finishing a book and will have the opportunity to do this in school every morning.

Reading

Please ensure all reading is recorded in your child's reading record. This can be done by either yourself or your child. We will be looking for evidence of reading a variety of text types throughout the year, so please help to encourage your child to look at a range of books. Children will need to bring their reading record into school every day. Reading records will be checked in class on a Thursday morning each week. Inside the cover of their reading record is all their passwords for the different online learning resources they have access to.

Reading for Pleasure

Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure. More information will be sent out about this shortly.

PE

PE for the first half term will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Then after October half term it will be on a Monday and Tuesday as we will be completing a swimming block on a Monday morning – more details will be sent out closer to the time.

On these days, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on these days.

A reminder that our school PE kit is:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (**not grey**)
- Plain house-coloured t-shirt
- Trainers
- School jumper

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning will be happening on a **Monday** afternoon. Children will need to arrive at school in their school uniform and have appropriate clothing and wellies in a bag to change into at the beginning of the session.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will be due in on Wednesday. Homework will include;

- o times table practise – using TTRockstars
- o a Maths task set on MyMaths





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- an English or LCC task
- reading - a minimum of three times a week (reading records checked on a Thursday)
- spelling practise on 'Spelling Frame' – up to 20 words will be tested on Thursdays

Mobile phones

We understand that some children have a mobile phone with them to enable them to communicate on their journeys to and from school. We would appreciate your help in reminding your child to hand this in to the teacher on arrival at school, to be stored safely and they will be returned to them at the end of the school day. Please ensure we have received a signed form for this too.

End of day collection

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who collecting your child.

Along with all of this hard work and new-found independence, we will undoubtedly be having a lot of fun too with a range of different topics, activities and trips. Information for each new topic will be sent out at the beginning of each term.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any questions by sending a message to the office for our attention.

Kind Regards,

Miss Boyne

