

# Gorsemoor Primary School

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## Welcome to Year 5

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Dear Parents,

I am sure, that like me, you wonder where time goes. It will be just a matter of weeks before your child starts in year 5, so I thought that you might like to know a few of the arrangements that are in place for a smooth start in September.



**Mrs E. Dawkin**



**Miss H. Stevens**



**Mrs Godward**

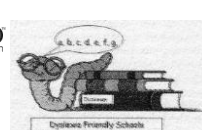


**Mrs Ball**

As in Year 4, the children will be class taught in English and there will be two sets in Maths. This may mean regrouping the children. Each English class will have the support of a TA but the lower set in Maths will have the support of a two TAs - Mrs Godward and Mrs Ball.

English homework will be spellings and grammar, with the possibility of some reading comprehension too. These will be sent home half termly, as booklets. Maths homework will be **MATHLETICS**. Tasks will be set each week that will need to be completed by the deadline shared by the teacher. Scores can then easily be tracked and tasks re allocated if scores warrant it. It is a fabulous way for your child to complete their homework whilst having fun.

We will occasionally issue reading books that need to be read before we start English units. These should take no longer than two weeks to read. Under normal circumstances we reissue group readers every 2 to 3 weeks and your child should read for a minimum of 10 minutes a day, with your guidance.



We will provide each child with a pencil and a handwriting pen, but obviously they will need additional ones (blue preferably). They will also need a pink and purple biro for perfecting and polishing their work. In addition, they will need a **Pritt stick**. We have included a list of useful items in the homework diary. Homework folders must be small and kept in the children's lockers as they take up too much room on the desks. Your child will only need **a small pencil case** that holds only the essentials and fits in their tray. We ask that you do not send your child with designer pencil cases, as these can be lost or misplaced and we know how costly they are, plus they are a huge distraction.



Our cloakrooms have lockers so that school bags and P.E. kit need to fit inside. Please be mindful of the size of bag that you buy for your child. We ask that **EVERY** item of clothing is **named**. We have disposed of many items of un-named clothes that were regularly displayed but not claimed. That amounts to a lot of hard earned money! None was named and some items were hardly worn.

Outdoor Games is taught by a team of sports coaches on Thursday mornings. Plastic bags will be needed for muddy trainers. P.E. kit should adhere to our school code, i.e. white tee shirts and **burgundy shorts** and a **black tracksuit** for winter. Shorts must be worn for indoor PE, which is on a Thursday and jewellery must be removed. The full code for PE is also in the homework diary.

If we need to talk to you we may send you a message on class Dojo, so please ensure that you are signed up. This is a great way to communicate with the teacher to pass short messages. Obviously, we would call or speak to parents, in person, if necessary.

Spellings - we use the **Look, Say, Learn, Cover, Write, Check** method. When the word is said, the children speak out the names of the letters, not the sounds. The spelling practice sheets should show correctly formed and joined letters as shown on the practice sheets. There will not be weekly spelling tests as spelling is an on-going focus.

Finally, Year 5 pupils do not line up outside before school. We therefore ask you to send your child straight in from the playground between 8.50 a.m. and 8.55 a.m. The children who will do this will be told during the first week. All Year 5 class enter and leave by the KS2 door. We really look forward to an exciting and enjoyable year with your child, and if together we work as team they will attain the standard of which we are proud and know that you aspire to, with us.

Have a happy summer.

Mrs Dawkin and Miss Stevens

