



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Year 5! I am thrilled to have you, and your child join Year 5 for what promises to be an exciting and enriching school year. As we embark on this journey together, I wanted to provide you with some key information and highlights about what to expect in the coming months.

PE Days

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. The kit should include a **red t-shirt, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms, red or black jumper**. Please do not send your children in wearing football shirts.

Exciting visits

I am delighted to share that we have fantastic visits planned for Year 5 and Year 6, with our first being a visit to Newstead Abbey to support and consolidate our Victorian learning.

Home Learning

Home learning will be completed via the **White Rose Maths Home Journals**. Children will be informed which pages they are expected to complete and when the work is due. Please support your child in keeping up with these tasks – they match the maths learning that is taking place in the classroom.

Reading: We expect children to record their reading in their diaries. Children should aim to complete a minimum of **three sessions of 20 minutes reading each week**. In addition, each child will be provided with a **CGP Reading Comprehension book** and will be expected to complete **one task per week**. They will be informed which task to complete.

Home learning will be shared with the children on a Friday; completed work needs to be handed in by Wednesday of the following week; the expectation is that children do not spend longer than 30 minutes on each activity; if home learning is taking longer than this, please let me know and I will make any adaptations required.

Curriculum Overview: Our yearly overview of topics and themes for Year 5 is available on the school website for your reference. This will help you stay informed about what your child will be learning throughout the year.

Behaviour and Rewards: We will be using **Class Dojo**, a points-based system, to record and celebrate children's positive behaviours.

This term our class priorities are as follows:

- *Knowing grammatical terms*
 - *Active listening*
 - *Quality presentation of work*
- Our diversification priority is...**
- *To explore different types of disabilities*

Getting to know me!

I am proud to be deputy headteacher at John Blow and am passionate about reading, both for educational and mental well-being benefits. I really enjoy being part of a school that is in a village community and has an active role in the life of Collingham. I believe that children should know about the area they grow up in and be proud of it. I am an active member of the Friends of John Blow and in my local village I volunteer for events like helping to support the OAP Christmas Meal.

Out of school, I really enjoy going running (especially on trails) and walking my dog (Ruby). My other passions are football, rugby, tennis, reading and going away in our campervan on new adventures- I like being outdoors in nature.

I am married and have 2 children, Sam and Maddie who keep me busy. We love a BBQ in the summer and a Chinese take away in winter. I love a bacon sandwich and I love a Crunchie!

I am looking forward to getting to know your child and yourselves.
If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support,

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