

# Welcome newsletter

## Year 5 Team

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## Trips and visitors

We have a lot of exciting events planned to help support your child's learning. As the different trips and events draw closer we will provide you with more information. However please see the main dates below.

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September- Victorian Theatre workshop (to take place in school.)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November- Ancient Greek theatre workshop (to take place in school.)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November- Visit to a Gurdwara.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January- Visit to Chiswick Pier.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March- London Theatre visit
- PGL visit (residential trip)

## Welcome back!

Welcome to Year 5.

This is an exciting year for the children as they join upper Key stage 2 and learn about lots of new interesting topics. We have an exciting year planned for the children and know they will enjoy the challenges, experiences and fun activities we have planned for them. Please take the time to meet your child's class teachers as we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

## Expectations

In Year 5, we will be focusing on building positive learning attitudes with our children. We would like the children to respond positively towards challenges in their learning and to consider coping strategies with situations they find difficult. Now the children are in Year 5, we encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning and to take care of themselves and others. At Wood End Park Academy, we are proud of the achievements our children make and would like them to feel this same sense of pride.

All the learning that child will do will help them to develop this sense of pride. This learning attitude should also extend to homework and reading at home as this will help consolidate the skills they learn each day.

We look forward to working with you and your children to help them achieve their greatest potential!

## Charity work

To continue the successful charity work children at Wood End Park completed last year, in Year 5 we will be raising awareness of the work of Barnardo's.

Barnardo's is a children's charity that was created to care for vulnerable children and young people. Barnardo's is the largest children's charity in the UK and runs over 900 services to support children living in poverty.

We will be learning all about the wonderful work this charity does and later on in the year will be working hard to raise money to help support them.

# Basic skills for Year 5

Your children will be levelled in the same way as they were last year; receiving either: a working towards, meeting or exceeding/ working at greater depth. In order to ensure your children leave at the expected standard, below are some of the key skills we will be focusing on.

Writing:

- Proof – reading for spelling and punctuation errors
- Choosing and using the correct tense as appropriate to the text type throughout
- Devices to build cohesion including adverbial of time, place and number.
- To use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (eg headings, bullet points, diagrams and underlining)
- Spelling some of the words correctly from the year 5 and 6 spelling list

Reading:

- Distinguish between statements of facts and opinion.
- Participate in discussions about books
- Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning
- Discuss and evaluate how authors use language and the impact on the reader

Maths

- Read and write numbers to at least 1 000 000 and determine the value of each digit
- Interpret negative numbers in context
- Order and compare numbers to at least 1 000 000
- Solve problems involving scaling by simple fractions and problems involving simple rates
- Identify multiples and factors, including all factor pairs of a number, and common factors of 2 numbers
- Add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods

## Year 5 recommended reading list

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

This year we would like to encourage the children in Year 5 to spend more time reading for pleasure. Below is a list of recommended reading books that we think your children will enjoy reading! This is a great opportunity for your children to join their local library. If you would like any information on how to do this please ask your child’s class teacher.

**The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo**

**Harry Potter series by JK Rowling**

**The Iron Man by Ted Hughes**

**Hacker by Malorie Blackman**

**Moondial by Helen Cresswell**

**The Sheep-pig by Dick King Smith**

**A series of unfortunate events by Lemony Snickett**

## Opening Minds



Wood End Park Academy embraces the Opening Minds curriculum.

**Opening Minds promotes innovative and integrated ways of thinking about education and the curriculum. Teachers design and develop a curriculum based around the development of five key competences:**

1. **Citizenship**
2. **Learning**
3. **Managing Information**
4. **Relating to people**
5. **Managing Situations**

Each term we will be working on a different competency to help develop the children’s skills and would love your help to promote these at home too.