



# Rise Park Primary and Nursery School

## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

### Welcome back!

We, the Year 5 team, are thrilled to welcome our new classes back to school. We have been hard at work, making sure that everything is ready and safe for the children's return, and we are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead of us. The autumn term is always vitally important in building foundations for the rest of the school year; this means that getting back into a school routine quickly - being in on time and being in school every day - will be vitally important to both your child's progress and their well-being.

### Curriculum

This term our topic is 'Exploring our Environment'. As part of this, we will be learning about rainforests in geography, writing our own rainforest descriptions and stories in English and using watercolours to paint rainforest scenes in art. The wider curriculum will also develop the children's

skills and knowledge in computing, RE, Science, D&T and Spanish. Look out for our Year 5 curriculum map on the school web site for further details.

### PE

We will have one PE session every week. This term our session is on a Wednesday morning, led by our PE specialist Mr. Jones. The children will need to come to school in their kit on this day. Suitable PE clothing includes wearing trainers, a white t-shirt and navy / black shorts or jogging bottoms. They will also need to make sure that they are not wearing earrings and that any long hair is tied back. Please make sure coats are brought in, as our PE sessions will take place outside.

### Other useful information.....

#### Inhalers

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure that you have sent one to school. This needs to be clearly labelled with their name on it.

#### Nail varnish/ hair dye

Nail varnish and dyed hair are not allowed in school.

#### Teachers/ TAs

Miss Allen will be teaching our Chile class. Mrs Birkett will teach in Costa Rica on Mondays and Mr Husbands will teach there throughout the rest of the week. Miss Bragg, our new TA, will work between both classes, providing intervention and further support.

### Homework

The children will be given weekly spelling words to learn at home. Please support us in our drive to improve standards in reading and spelling by encouraging your child to learn their words and by supporting them in reading as often as possible at home. We would also appreciate it if you could encourage your children to access Times Tables Rock Stars a couple of times each week.

Our first autumn term homework project will be launched shortly...

### Equipment

All equipment will be provided by school apart from crayons and felt-tip pens. Please make sure that these are purchased and brought into school, where they will stay in your child's pack. Your child will also require a labelled re-usable water bottle, which will need to be brought into school every day.

### PPA time

On Tuesday mornings, Miss Allen and Mr Husbands will be out of the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment time. For these sessions, the children will have Mrs Husbands for Spanish, with Mrs Birkett teaching alongside her.

### Important dates:

#### Parents' Evening:

Further information will be released later on in this half-term with regards to Parents' Evening.

#### Trips:

We are hoping to visit The Mill for an 'Adventure Base Trip'. Currently, no date has been set due to COVID-19.

### Things to remember:

- ☺ Please check and sign your child's home-school diary every week. Also ensure that your child reads every day and that this is recorded in their home-school organiser.
- ☺ The children are allowed to wear small, plain stud earrings and watches. No other jewellery or decorated headbands with animal ears are permitted in school.
- ☺ Your child's OV4 form has been sent home along with the behaviour and internet agreements. Please complete and return these as soon as possible. Thank you!

### Any questions?

- ☺ If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Year 5 team.