



WELCOME BACK!

September is always an exciting time, but I am sure some of you are wondering about the changes you will experience in Year 5. It is a time for growing up and working hard, but it is also a time for having a lot of fun and taking on some extra responsibilities in school. I want to give you plenty of opportunities to show what you can do, but I also want you to realise that it is okay to struggle—if everything was easy, we would never learn anything!

Top tips for success:

If something is really hard for you—ask for help.

If something is really bothering you—ask for help.

If you want to really challenge yourself to go that extra mile—tell me about it and share your success.

Whenever you do something, ask yourself: Is it the best I can do it?

Teacher: Mrs Ameghino

Teaching Assistant: Miss James and Mrs Hackley

What's happening when?

Monday	PE at Weobley High School
Tuesday	PE
Wednesday	Homework is due back. Spelling test.
Thursday	
Friday	Homework sent out

TOPIC

Our topic this term is Vikings and Voyagers, which will also include work on immigration and why people move around the world, now and in the past. We will be looking at how difficult it was to travel in Viking times, and how much easier it is to do so now. This topic will influence our art lessons, our RE and our literacy, so there should be plenty of opportunities to show your learning. You might like to read books about Vikings (*The Littlest Viking*, *How to Train your Dragon* etc.) or you may enjoy watching some of the *Horrible Histories* clips on YouTube. Sometimes there are historical re-enactments, where people dress up as Vikings and you get to see how they lived. This is a really fun topic, so have a look around and see what you can find which interests you.

READING AND HOMEWORK

Successful learning is a partnership between the school and home. The most successful learners receive support with their learning at home. You can help your child by:

- Listening to them read every day
- Sharing books with them every day for example reading them a bedtime story or exploring a newspaper, magazine or website article.
- Helping them with their homework – this may only mean giving them encouragement, but could also involve more involved support.
- Ensuring any homework set is returned on time.



CLASS TIMETABLE

Monday	REGISTRATION, SPELLING AND GRAMMAR.	Literacy	BREAK	ASSEMBLY	Maths	LUNCH	HANDWRITING AND MATHS CHALLENGES	REGISTRATION, GUIDED READING,	RE	PE
Tuesday		Literacy			Maths			Topic, including art	PE	
Wednesday		Literacy			Maths			Spelling test and Number Club	PPA with Mrs Drew	
Thursday		Literacy			Maths			Science	French	
Friday		Music	GOLDEN ASSEMBLY	BREAK	Maths			Literacy	Golden time	

We have to be flexible with our learning, so the above timetable is just a guide. There may be times when we have to move our PE lesson because it clashes with something else. It is a VERY good idea to keep your PE kit in school at all times; sometimes we might need PE kit for messier tasks like gardening or outside learning. Please could you make sure that your PE trainers or pumps have non-marking soles, so that they do not damage the High School floor. It is fantastic that we are able to use their hall, so let's show them that we appreciate it.

Wednesday afternoons will often be used to continue work started on other days, so be prepared for anything!

Homework becomes increasingly important as you get older, so please put in the effort to learn your spellings and complete the tasks set. If something is tricky (after you've really tried to work it out) please come and speak to me or one of the TAs. If there is a reason why your homework isn't done, please come and tell me—but it should be a proper reason, and not happening all the time!

DON'T LET A WORRY BECOME ANYTHING WORSE

The children, their learning and their safety are the school's and your number one priority. If there is ever anything worrying or bothering you or your child, please speak to your class teacher at the end of the school day. You do not have to wait for parents' evenings to talk, often these sort of worries are best sorted out quickly.

If, when you have spoken to your child's teacher, you are still worried or bothered with something, please feel free to speak to the Head of School.



ATTENDANCE

Children should arrive at school in good time, by 8.55am, but we request that unless they are attending breakfast club, please do not arrive before 8.45am.

If your child is absent for any reason – please inform the school in person, by telephone, email or in writing on the day of the absence. This also applies to children who need to leave during the day for any medical checks or treatment. Where possible, medical and dental appointments should be made out of school time or during school holidays.

Due to legislation we are unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are *exceptional circumstances* which doesn't include a holiday. Any unauthorised absence (over 5 days within a year) will result in an immediate penalty notice and could lead to a fine of £60 per child, per parent.

UNIFORM

We are proud of our school uniform, we expect all pupils to look smart and respectable and we hope that parents will support the school in our requirements about appearance.

- Royal Blue Sweater, Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- White /Light Blue Polo Shirt or White Shirt/Blouse
- Grey Skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- Black Polishable Shoes (not trainers/plimsolls)
- Warm/Waterproof Coat

Sweatshirts embroidered with the school badge are available from the school office or you can order directly from [Tesco's Uniform Shop](#).

PE KIT

The school agreed uniform for PE consists of:

- *Plain white T-shirt.*
- *Dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms.*
- *A change of socks.*
- *Sports trainers.*
- *A hoodie or tracksuit jacket is recommended to be kept in P.E kitbags over the winter months.*

P.E. is part of the National Curriculum and it is therefore essential your child takes part. To take part your child must have these items of clothing in their kitbags for both health and safety reasons and uniform requirements.

Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October 2017 – Friday 27 th October 2017
Term Ends	Friday 15 th December 2017

School Hours

9.00am – 3.20pm

Children should arrive in school between 8.45am and 8.55am

Children should be collected promptly at 3.20pm, once collected, they are the responsibility of their parent.

Breakfast Club

Mrs Hill's ChillDen

8.00am – 9.00am

3.20pm – 5.15pm

£3.25 per session

£6.00 per session

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Keeping in touch is essential to your child's learning and their safety. You can help us by ensuring:

- We have the correct contact information for you; if you change your phone number or email address, please let us know immediately.
- Check for texts, emails or letters in bags on a daily basis, these are our main methods of contacting you.
- Upload our mobile app to your phone, this will soon become another way of passing information to you.

IF YOU LIKE IT THEN
YOU NEED TO PUT
YOUR NAME ON IT!