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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! I do hope that you enjoyed a restful and relaxing break. I'm so excited to be joining Stretham Community Primary School as a class teacher. I am looking forward to familiarising myself with you and getting to know Kestrel Class.

I hope that this letter informs you clearly about our expectations for your child as they move into Year 5.

Class Organisation

Kestrel Class will be taught by Mrs Mazuran. On a Wednesday morning, Mrs Connolly will be teaching French. On a Thursday afternoon, Kestrel Class will receive specialist teaching in Computing and PE by Mrs Bowen and Premier Sport. We will also be supported by in the classroom by Mrs Burling and Mrs Taylor in the mornings and Mrs Galbraith in the afternoons.

School Timings

It is hugely important that the children are in school each day, on time and ready for learning. Our cloakroom door will be open from 8.45am where an adult from Kestrel Class will welcome the children in. The cloakroom door will close at 8.55am for the register to be completed by 9am. Children who arrive at school after this time will be marked as late and will need to enter school via the school office. The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Should you need to speak to us/pass on a message, we are available at these times, but longer chats with us can be arranged for a suitable date. If you are unable to speak to us in person, you may contact us via an email to the school office and we will respond as promptly as we can.

Curriculum

Shortly, we will be sending you an Autumn termly overview. Where possible, we make cross-curricular links between subjects to enhance and support learning.

PE

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Kestrel Class will be having outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon with Premier Sport and indoor PE on a Friday afternoon. Whilst the weather is kind to us, we will swim on a Wednesday afternoon. This means that **we will not have our indoor PE on Fridays** whilst we take advantage of the warmer weather. I will notify you when we will resume our indoor PE lessons on a Friday. Children will need to bring their appropriate swimwear, towel and goggles (if desired) for this.

Otherwise, every child needs to have their named PE kit in school in a named bag. Their kit should consist of:

- black/navy shorts
- a blue t-shirt/polo shirt
- a pair of socks (in addition to the socks or tights worn to school by your child)
- trainers
- tracksuit bottoms and warm top/jumper for outside sports.

Long hair should be tied back for PE lessons. Although stud earrings are allowed in school, on PE days these must be removed before school or your child must have the ability to take them out/put them back in unassisted. For health and safety purposes and on Local Authority advice, children are not allowed to tape their earrings as an alternative and we are not permitted to put earrings in for a child.

Reading

Kestrel Class will be working hard on improving their reading this term. One way we will be working on this is to ensure that we have a quality class text which we read regularly and complete reading activities linked to this. This term, we will be reading **Race to Imagination Island**.

It is also vitally important that your child is reading regularly both at home and in school. To support their reading at home, we will be sending a reading diary with a banded reading book home with your child.

Children will begin the year starting with their banded book from the level that they finished Year 4 reading. Please ensure your child's banded reading book and reading record are in school every day. We will be changing book banded books on a Monday and a Friday (if needed!). If they are not in school, we will be unable to send home a new book. Children should be reading or being read to for 10 minutes each evening.

We will also be using the library to choose a book to read for pleasure. Our allocated library slot is on a Wednesday afternoon.

Times Tables

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As the children progress through Key Stage 2, it is really important that they are learning and rehearsing their multiplication facts.

Children will have dedicated time in the classroom to practise their times tables and may have a homework task to support their learning. Each child will also have a Times Tables Rockstar (TTRS) login to access a multiplication resource online, at home and in school. Your child's TTRS login and password will be stuck in their reading diary and also in the inside cover of their orange homework books.

Homework

We will be sending home an orange homework book for each child to complete their homework in. The children will be set homework tasks which should take no more than 30 minutes in total to complete.

Homework will consist of: a maths task, spelling task and a task linked to another aspect of the curriculum. These will all be linked to their current learning in school. There will be a spelling focus each week based on the rule we are working on in school and this will support our learning in the classroom.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will need to be returned by Wednesday. Should your child struggle with any aspect of the task, we want to know so please write a comment in their homework book or speak to us.

Lunch, Water Bottles and Snacks

Children will choose their lunch in the morning and this will be recorded by the class teacher during morning register. If you are sending in a packed lunch, do take a look at the NHS advice which has lots of healthy lunch ideas: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>. Please do not provide any food that contains nuts.

Please provide your child with a morning fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break time, should they get hungry! Your child needs a NAMED water bottle in school too.

Medication

Please ensure that the school is updated with any changes in medical condition for your child. If they have an Asthma inhaler, this needs to be named, in date and in the correct packaging for us to store in the classroom. Any medicine required for your child should be shared with the Office, again in the original packaging with clear dosage instructions.

Classroom Resources

The children will be provided with the resources they need for working in the classroom. They don't need to bring their own pencil case. We also request that the

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children don't bring in small toys/charms/fidget toys which could easily get lost and can be quite a distraction in the classroom.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me or any staff member part of the Year 5 team.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mazuran