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WELCOME TO GHYLLSIDE YEAR 5

Introduction

In Year 5 we have developed the curriculum to be as engaging as possible so that your child enjoys school and can reach their potential. When trying to achieve

this, our partnership with you as parents is key. As the children are now entering the final phase of primary school, we actively encourage them to become independent and responsible.

Our Day Generally:

We begin the day with guided reading, followed by English or maths before lunch. In the afternoon we mostly do cross-curricular project work, science, PE and fitness sessions.

Autumn term project: Vikings and Bread

Spring term project: Tudors, population, Kendal Castle Local History

Summer term project: Deserts & Cams



TRIPS AND VISITS

Summer term:

- Hawes End, Keswick 9th - 11th March 2026
(3 days) apx £190
- Transition visits to KKS and QKS
- Castle visit

Rewards: We use the 'smiley' system, which promotes positive behaviour and is used throughout school. Smileys are awarded for good behaviour in class and around school and for outstanding work. They are also awarded for completing homework, spellings, reading and for being organised and independent.

Reading

Reading is a basic life skill and essential to your child's education. Please hear them read at least 3 times a week and write a comment in their reading record. Each half term there will be a reward for the children that do this. Your child may be a fluent reader by now but taking time to discuss their reading; the themes, characters, language, plot etc. is essential for their comprehension, inference and deduction skills. You can both enjoy the same book and discuss it, or take turns to read a few pages. Being a good reader also helps them develop their writing skills.



PE

Your child needs trainers in school every day. Earrings (along with any other jewellery) need to be removed for PE and long hair tied back. PE day is Thursday and your child should come in their PE kit on this day. During the winter, they will need outdoor trainers, a school hoody and black leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure all of this kit is clearly labelled.



Maths

Maths is a core subject and we have a maths lesson in school everyday. A key component of maths is fast recall of addition facts (up to $10 + 10$) and times tables (up to $12x$). We practice this in school but as parents you can help by encouraging your child to do the same at home. We set weekly maths homework that is usually based on something we have been learning about in class. In addition to this, every six weeks we send home the half termly test that your child has completed in school so you can see how they are progressing and help them with some of the questions they answered incorrectly.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:



Please talk to your child about their learning and school day in general. Keep us informed of things that may be concerning your child. Ensure they have plenty of sleep, a water bottle and a piece of fruit at break. Come in to hear readers or help with trips/special activity days. Please label your child's clothing (especially sweatshirts). We are looking forward to next year: getting to know your child, working hard, having fun and hopefully creating learning and memories that will continue to build on their current foundations.

HOMEWORK



Thursday: Homework and spelling sheets handed in, reading records checked in class.

Friday: Homework and spellings handed out. Usually this is one piece of English and one of maths, each should take approximately 20 minutes.

Setting good routines and having a specific day and time during the week put aside for homework really helps children be successful. We understand that many children are very busy out of school but homework does aid their learning and enables you to see what they are doing in school.

Every day your child will need their reading book, reading record, trainers (for fitness sessions) and a water bottle. We provide a pencil case and basic stationary - there is no need for your child to have their own