



# Greenfield Primary School

*Excellence and Enjoyment for All*

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you've all enjoyed your Easter! It has been lovely to finally have all of the children return to school after lockdown and it has been brilliant to see how quickly they have settled back in. Below is a brief overview of the subjects and topics we will be covering throughout our final Summer term in Year 5.

## Maths:

This term in Maths we will be covering the following main areas:

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Properties of shape
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A lot of the Maths work we cover relies heavily on the ability to quickly recall times table facts, so any extra practice that children do at home using websites like Times Table Rock Stars is brilliant in supporting this.

## English:

In English, throughout our Summer term, we will recap these key skills:

- Handwriting: focusing on the presentation of work as well as speed and fluency. Our spellings will also be linked to handwriting weekly.
- Grammar: We will continue to revise the new grammar features children have encountered this year, as well as develop our understanding of new grammar features such as brackets.
- Spelling: Children will be set a new list of spellings on Spelling Shed each week. These will all be based around a new rule or pattern, and practising them at home in preparation for our weekly spelling test will be part of children's homework.
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Our new class novel is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. We will be using this book to inspire a variety of extended pieces of writing. Continuing to encourage your child's enjoyment of reading a range of books will contribute hugely to their writing.

## Topic:

For our first half term, we will be continuing our Geography topic of Mountains, answering the big question, 'What would the 3 Peaks Challenge look like around the world?'. We will then be moving on to our final History topic of the year, which is focused on the Tudors and answers the big question, 'Was Henry VIII really so horrible?'. We will be learning all about who Henry VIII was as well as what life was like in Tudor England for normal people.

## Science:

Our first Science topic this term will be Living Things and their Habitats, which will focus on the life cycles of a variety of animals and plants. In our final half term, our Science topic is Animals including Humans, in which we will focus more closely on the life cycles of humans, and will discover what changes happen to our bodies throughout our lifetimes.

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### General Information:

This term, Year 5 will be starting swimming on a **Monday**, and will need to bring their swimming kits to school with them. Children now walk to the swimming baths, so we ask that your child comes to school wearing their trainers on a Monday as the path to the swimming baths can sometimes be muddy. Children tend to return to school at a slightly later time after swimming between 3:20pm and 3:25pm.

We will also have an additional PE lesson each week, which will be on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child is sent into school wearing their PE kits on Tuesdays.

### Homework:

- Spellings: New spellings will be given out on a **Friday**, focusing on a different spelling rule or pattern. Spellings will then be tested the following **Friday**. Spellings are all accessible via Spelling Shed and we will also regularly practise them during the week.
- Reading: Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. All children have a reading record and have been provided with a school reading book, however they aren't restricted to these books and may read their own books too.
- Maths: Please play on TT Rock Stars as much as possible, these facts will be used in numerous maths topics and knowing them off by heart makes things so much easier, especially when needing to spot patterns.
- Additional Maths or English tasks will be set weekly on **Purple Mash**, which will be linked to the work we have been doing in class during that week. Children will be sent an email weekly explaining their homework tasks and homework will be due in on a Friday.

I hope the above information has been useful to you – please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office if you have any questions or concerns. Please also make sure you keep an eye on our class page on the school website, which is regularly updated!

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Hazel Class/Year 5