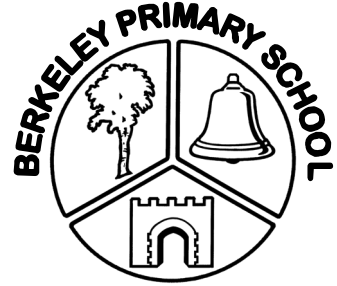


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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5 Children,

Our first week is over and the children have successfully settled into our new term and the responsibilities of being in Year 5.

Please could you collect and fill out a medical form, from the office, if your child has any new medical information that I need to be aware of. Also; if your child has an inhaler in school, please can you check that it is in date. We have a couple that are out of date and need to be replaced.

As the class is now in upper key stage 2, the children will be expected to complete two pieces of homework each week; one for literacy and one for numeracy. This will be started next Friday and will need to be handed in the following Thursday.

The children will continue to be given weekly lists of new spellings, usually on a Monday, which they need to learn, practice and hand in on Friday. It is also vital that they spend a short time, every evening, reading and practising their reading skills. I will give each child a new reading record, which needs to be filled in every time they read at home. Certificates for reading 25, 50 and 100 times at home, will be handed out during assembly. It is therefore important for your child to record their home reading activities and regularly hand in their record book, to be checked.

Our topic this term is called, 'Long Lived the King', which is all about the author, Dick King-Smith. A big thank you for your help in encouraging your children to read their Dick King-Smith book over the summer; their book reviews went very well. I have attached a copy of our topic overview and the skills we will be learning over the course of the topic as well as a brief outline of what we will be learning in Literacy and Numeracy. I am currently planning our Wow-trip for the topic and will send out a separate letter with more information about the trip next week.

PE, this year, will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We are going to develop our running skills to run a class mini-marathon. We are also going to learn more invasion game skills. I plan to take the class outside as much as possible, so every child must have their full PE kit, including trainers, in school at all times. I am happy for them to wear tracksuits (not hooded) during our running sessions.

Kind regards,

Miss Cosgrove

