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YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – I hope you all had a wonderful Summer break and that you are excited for your child to be in Year 5. Looking at the class list, I think I know many of you already but, for those of you whom I haven't met yet, my name is Lucy Coates and I shall be your child's class teacher this year. I have taught year 5 before – many times – and think it has some of the best topics for all of the subjects so I am excited to get going.

I have an unbelievably brilliant team in Year 5 too – all of whom have worked with this class before and are excited to work with them for another year: Jihene Ouazene; Kristina Mark-Thompson and Bruna Ferizaj.

Contact Information:

I am very happy for you to catch me in the playground but find it most useful if you email me if you would like to get in touch. My email is lucy.coates@reay.lambeth.sch.uk My Twitter handle is @LucyCoatesReay and I will try to give you updates on there as to what we have been up to in the classroom as well as submit photos for the weekly, school newsletter.

Year 5 Coffee Morning:

Monday 20th September – Year 5 Coffee Morning, 8.55-9.30am

This is a chance for you to meet me, find out a bit more about what we will be learning about in Year 5 and listen to Mrs Andrews outlining the whole school priorities for the year.

Homework:

Please find the creative homework ideas attached – I can't wait to see the finished projects as I hear this is a very creative and talented class.

We ask that you hear your child read aloud every day for 15 minutes or so and that you continue to read to your child every day for as long as you like. Afterwards, you can set them something to do in their Reading Journal – draw a picture, answer your questions, describe their reactions to the story or facts – whatever you think will be of interest to your child. If you aren't sure, please look inside the front and back covers of the Journal for lots of ideas for activities and questions. I will of course look inside their Reading Journals but I will be nothing but delighted to see anything you have contributed so please do as much as you like – I promise I won't check your spellings or grammar and am very happy for you to write in your own languages.

We will be learning spellings in class but I attach a copy of the Year 5 spellings list as this is the list of words which they must be able to spell by the end of Year 5. If you would like to help your child to learn them by having them up around the house – I think the back of the bathroom door and stuck to cereal boxes are great places – please do.

For maths, please keep going over their times tables and number facts as frequently as you like – it really helps to keep them fresh in their minds so that they can easily access them when needed both in life and maths lessons/tests. Games like Hit the Button are perfect for helping your child to recall their number facts so please do encourage them to play for ten minutes every day to increase both their speed and automaticity: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

PE:

Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit every Tuesday. This needs to include:

- Bathing suit/trunks
- Towel
- Swim hat
- Goggles (not essential but they tend to make life easier for your child)
- Bag

It really helps if all their school uniform is named as well as their towel, swim hat, goggles and bag.

Their other PE session is on a Friday afternoon so please send your child into school in their PE kit on a Friday. They do not need to bring a spare set of uniform to change into afterwards. This half term, they will be doing tennis with Moving Matters.

What to bring in Year 5:

Please **do not** bring personal belongings such as pencil cases or toys as these items are often lost or broken at school.

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| Monday | Guided Reading | Reading book, reading journal. |
| Tuesday | Guided Reading Swimming | Reading book, reading record, reading journal. Swimming kit. |
| Wednesday | Guided Reading Orchestra | Reading book, reading journal. Instrument and music. |
| Thursday | Guided Reading | Reading book, reading journal. |
| Friday | Guided Reading PE | Reading book, reading journal. Child to wear their PE kit to school. |

Parents' Evening:

The date for Parents' Evening is Thursday 21st October and will be online. You will be able to sign up for your slot nearer the time so please look out in the Weekly Newsletter for this.

Shoe boxes:

Please can you send your child in with a shoe box ready for our Spanish/Art topic on Gaudi architecture and houses. Don't worry if you don't have one, but if you do, please do send it in with your child.

I will be in touch again soon with more information regarding class assemblies, information sessions for parents and potential trips. In the meantime, I shall look forward to meeting you all soon.

All of the best,

Lucy and the Year 5 team.