

Year 5 – Class Newsletter Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term Year 5. The daily routine for the children is to line up on the playground, water bottles and bags and then a morning task in class. At the end of the day children will leave school through the gate by the hall and let go by the class teacher. If there is a change in who is picking up, please could you let us know in advance. School lunches can be booked up to 8am on the morning of each day.

Our PE days for this half term will be **Monday** and **Thursday**. The children may continue to attend school in their PE kit on these days, as well as if they have a sports after school club. PE kit consists of black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and navy PE hoodie. The children may wear black trainers every day as we will regularly make use of our running track. Children should be wearing their full school uniform on other days, more information can be found here:

<https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/winkleigh/parent-information/uniform>

Once the children arrive in class, they will store their belongings before beginning their morning task. This will be followed each day by guided reading, maths, spelling and English sessions before lunch. The rest of the curriculum will take place in the afternoon. This involves History, Geography, PSHE, Science, PE, Music, Art, Design & Technology and Computing. Subject information pages can be found on the Year 5 page of our website. More information about our curriculum aims and mission statements can be found here: <https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Curriculum+in+Detail&pid=191>

Please ensure that the children have a **coat** in school everyday as we make the most of our outdoor spaces everyday. They should be wearing sun screen/sun hats during any warm weather. The children should carry their belongings in a **book bag**. We do not have the space for rucksacks in our cloakrooms and as such, children using them will be required to store them outside.

At the start and end of the day, please ensure that you use the pavement and supervise children carefully as we have buses arriving and departing. Children should not be playing on the grass bank or in the staff car parking area.

The children will continue to have a reading book sent home. Our class spellings will be sent home each half term and a weekly spelling check will take place on a Wednesday. Reading regularly at home is of paramount importance as this will have the most impact on your child's progress across the curriculum. Our around the world challenge will take place on a Friday and we will support this with TTRS.

We appreciate your continuing support with fundraising as this enables us to significantly reduce the cost of trips and visits, which are important for bringing learning to life for children.

During this term, we will be hosting a water workshop in school for the children to align with our Geography sequence, more details will follow in a separate letter closer to the time.

We are pleased to continue to be able to offer wraparound care. Our Early Birds club runs from 07.45-08.45 offering the option of breakfast. Our All Sorts club runs from 15.30-18.00. Both of these can be booked via the gateway and offer a variety of activities through the week to engage all children.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs V Fenemore, deputies are Mr W Slocombe and Mrs D Rowcliffe in the event that you have any concerns please contact them through admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk. It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours. Message books are used in Key Stage One and Early Years and some information will be communicated through them. Teachers are not available at the start or end of the day as they are busy overseeing these transitions. If you require an appointment with a teacher via telephone or in person, please email admin on the above address to arrange a suitable time.

Kind regards,

Mr Saltearn