

Autumn term

Welcome to year 5

Hello and welcome back to school! The children have settled back into school really well and seem eager to learn! Well done Year 5 - a brilliant start! We are proud of you for adapting to the changes in school to enable us all to be together to continue our learning.

The aim of this letter is to introduce ourselves and to let you know some of the plans for year 5. Obviously, we are still learning and adapting to the current climate, however, rest assured the safety and wellbeing of your child is our utmost priority. Although we cannot take your questions face-to-face, if you would like to speak to us then please email using the following addresses:

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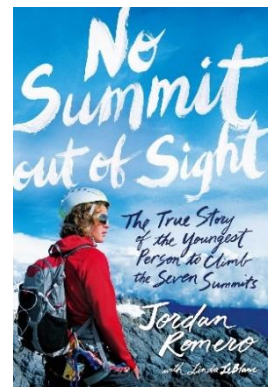
We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year and hope to make it an amazing year at Ighthenhill Primary School.

To ease us all in gently, we will be focusing on settling in and getting to know each for the first few weeks. We will working on a number of revision activities to assess where the children are at. This will also give us the opportunity to help children feel at ease as we return to a norm.

After our settling period, we will then move on to our full Learning Challenge Curriculum including English and Maths as described below.

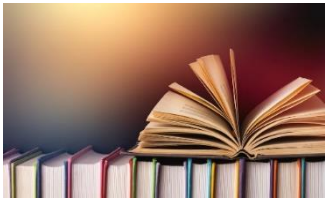
English

This half term, we are using the texts, 'The Boy Who Conquered Everest; The Jordan Romero Story' and 'No Summit out of Sight' by Jordan Romero with Linda LeBlanc. These stories focus on the trials and tribulations of a young boy who sets out to achieve his dream of climbing the seven summits of the world, ultimately conquering Mount Everest. At this present time, children will be taught in their classes for all lessons, however, groups of children will be taught according to their ability by the year 5 teaching team.



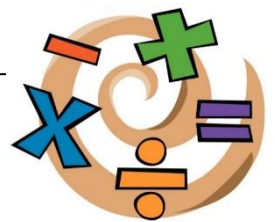
Reading

Children are encouraged to read for enjoyment at home. However, to avoid bringing too many resources to and from home, children will keep their book in school and have the opportunity to read at different times throughout the school day. If they want to do further reading at home, we kindly ask that they choose a book from home and this remains at home for the time being. Reading records will be kept in school at the moment and teachers will sign them accordingly.



Maths

During the half term, we will ensure that children have a secure understanding of place value and the four operations. We will then teach and practise a range of mental strategies that children can use for calculations. Following this, we will teach and revise the written calculation methods for the four operations



Which mountain would you climb?

In this geography unit, we will be learning about the seven summits of the world. This will lead to a final task where the children will decide which mountain they would choose to climb and why. During the unit, we will be locating mountains on maps, identifying their climates as well as comparing them. At the end of the unit, the children will work collaboratively to produce a project on their chosen mountain. They will take ownership of their work and produce an outcome of their choice, which will then be included in our 'mountains montage' along our corridor.



A final note

Again, all of the children have been fantastic in this start to the term and we are really looking forward to build on this. Although communication methods are a little different at the moment, should you have any concerns or questions about your child and their learning, please do not hesitate to get in contact and we will respond as soon as we can.

Have a great weekend and we will see you all fresh and ready to go again on Monday!

Miss Embley, Mr Mason and the Year 5 team.

