

# What is *new* and *different* in Year 5?

September 2021

# Meet the Year 5 team

Miss Williams

Miss Gooch

Mrs Chew

Mr Gendall

Mrs Khan

Mrs Moise

# Routines

- For drop off and pick ups, **Sycamore: 8.45 - 2.50. Beech: 8.50 - 2.55.**
- Most morning sessions consists of a grammar/spelling/reading sessions, literacy and maths lessons.
- **Lunch is 12.40 – 1.20.**
- If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure this is healthy. Only 1 piece of chocolate or crisps in lunch boxes please and no ‘grab bag’/large packets. **No fizzy or energy drinks in school at all.**
- Break time snack is **healthy** snacks only: no cakes, biscuits, crisps or chocolate. Great options are: piece of fruit/pots of grapes ets, rice cakes etc.
- Only water is to be drunk in class. No squashes, fruit juices or fizzy in class please. Pupils may keep their water bottle on their desk; it is important to stay hydrated.
- We are a **nut free school**. This includes no peanut butter, Nutella/chocolate spread or snacks consisting of nuts.
- The afternoon sessions include creative curriculum (topic) work, Spanish, computing or Physical Education.
- At the end of the day: Please wait outside your child’s classroom for their names to be called. **Please do not enter the cloakroom areas.** This helps us to keep all the children safe.
- Newsletters come out termly and will be on the website under our class pages unless you have requested a paper copy from the office.

# PE



- PE: Outdoor PE is on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** for both classes.
- Your child must wear black shorts/joggers and a white T-shirt/black sweater. Please ensure your child has supportive sports trainers and not converse style fashion shoes.
- We suggest they keep their PE kits in all week and are washed regularly.
- Pupils need to ensure they are not wearing any jewellery on PE days: this includes earrings.
- We will have the opportunity to do **Forest School** at points in the year - children will need a set of clothes which can get muddy including wellington boots.
- Swimming will continue and we will be able to restart our lessons as soon as the swimming pool allows.

# Homework

- Homework will be issued via Seesaw every Friday and is due in on a Thursday. There will be maths, literacy and spelling activities each week that support the learning we complete in class.
- The PiXL times table app is a great way for your children to practise their times tables to ensure they know up to 12x12 off by heart. We will also be continuing the use of the *Times Table Rock Stars* that your child was used to in Year 4.
- Lexia has proved a fantastic resource for improving reading across the school. Your child will still be able to access their Lexia account using the same password as last year.
- Homework projects will be given out three times a year corresponding to the longer school holidays.
- The first project is due in on the Friday 17th September 2021:  
<https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/07/Year-5-Extended-Home-Learning-Term-1.pdf>

# Academic Expectations

- Pupils are expected to write neatly **at all times** including in their homework books.
- In maths, pupils will be continuing to use White Rose Maths to develop a sound knowledge and application of place value and fractions.
- In literacy, pupils will be expected to write their own stories at length by the end of the year using core vocabulary and exciting ideas.
- Class novels, as well as key books, will be used on a termly basis to develop reading skills.
- Accelerated Reader will help your child progress in their reading, whatever stage they are at. We will continue with the use of Lexia and pupils will have a log-in that you can use at home.

# Internet Safety

Please make sure that you are checking what your child is accessing on the internet.  
Concerns we have had:

- Children having their own YouTube accounts- they need to be 13+ to have one!
- Watching video games and DVDs that are inappropriate
- Playing inappropriate games – Fortnite (inappropriate and addictive)
- Accessing social media sites e.g Snapchat and Tiktok
- Sending photos of themselves in school uniform to people they do not know
- Sending nasty messages to each other –cyber bullying
- Length of time that is spent in front of screens.

There are many sources of helpful information to help support you at home to ensure that your child stays safe:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

# Behaviour

- Whole school rules; ***Ready, Respectful*** and ***Safe***.
- Using the **Zones of Regulation**, pupils can reflect on their emotions, feelings and behaviour. At Dashwood Banbury Academy we support pupils to self-regulate and we understand that all behaviour is communication. Pupils learn that there are positive and negative consequences for all behaviour.

- Pupils have the chance to earn Dojo points for working independently and collaboratively.

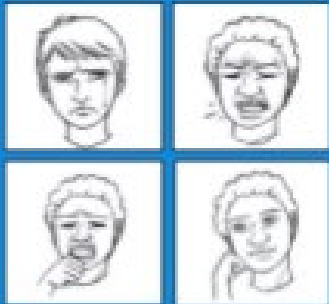
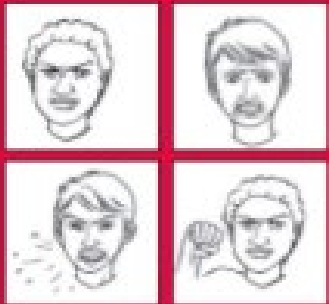


- Pupils can earn Dojo points for effort, listening well, being a good friend, helping others and for many other amazing things they do!



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## The **ZONES** of Regulation<sup>®</sup>

			
<p><b>BLUE ZONE</b></p> <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly</p>	<p><b>GREEN ZONE</b></p> <p>Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn</p>	<p><b>YELLOW ZONE</b></p> <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control</p>	<p><b>RED ZONE</b></p> <p>Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control</p>

# Lily!



In Year 5, we are lucky enough to have the school dog, Lily with us.

Lily is Miss Williams's dog and will be based in Beech class 2-3 days a week. Lily will be around to help and support children with any and all aspects of school life, including reading, mental wellbeing and exercise.

Since being a member of the Dashwood team, Lily has helped many children overcome nervousness around dogs as she is an extremely gentle and loving dog. There will however be no expectation that your child interacts with Lily if they do not wish to do so.

# Educational Visits and Experiences

## Greatworth Hall Farm Visits

- Partner Farm – Greatworth Hall  
2 trips to the farm each - cost = £8.25 per visit = **£16.50 total per child.**

Separate letter to follow.

## Space Studio

- Children will visit space studio and engage in a KS3 science lessons, which we hope to start up later this year. This is a free-of-charge opportunity and we travel to and from Wykham Park in our school minibus.

# Extra Information

- Please ensure they always have a coat in school (unless it is very warm) as the children are outside all lunchtime as well as other times in the day. Please name the coat too!
- Don't forget to check your newsletter for special dates and events.
- Pencil Cases – a small pencil case with a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler is all that is needed.
- Trips –Greatworth Hall, Space Studio

Any questions? Please ask us  
at the door or contact the  
office.

We are really looking  
forward to this year!

Welcome to Year 5!