

Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting academic year at Westlands Primary School. We are delighted to be teaching Year 5 and are very much looking forward to the new year ahead.

In Term 1, Year 5 will be learning about The Greatest Show. Our book for the term will be Wild Boy, which will support the children with their knowledge and understanding of the evolution of the circus. This also parallels with developing their English skills, in relation to writing a variety of different genres.

Within maths lessons, the children will investigate the place value of digits within a given number and learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They will also recap on basic mathematical skills, and the four operations. There will be a focus upon learning all of the times tables. Please practise these at home with your child.

Homework/Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. Each class has a Get Epic reading account, which is available as a downloadable app both on IOS and Android. Get Epic is a fun and exciting way for your child to enjoy reading.

Following changes at Get Epic - it is now only accessible between 7am and 4pm from home.

Please go to <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> and choose the class code for your child:

Amethyst	esv3970
Tourmaline	bpi8465

Homework tasks, for the moment, will be set on Google Classroom.

Year 5 Class Code	lxbxt6q
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Curriculum

Below is an outline of the exciting curriculum that Year 5 will be studying over Term One.

Subject	Term 1
English	Wild Boy - Rob LLOYD Jones Descriptive writing Poetry Non fiction
Maths	Numbers to 10,000 Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 Number line to 100,000 Compare and order numbers
Science	Forces
Computing	We are Game Developers
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	The Greatest Show Make a scale model of a Victorian circus/ freak show to their own design.
R.E.	This year we are teaching RE with a whole school focus. There will be a termly whole school RE day to provide the children with rich learning opportunities.
French	Greetings / Fairy tales in French
P.E	Cognitive Working in teams and pairs Giving feedback for improvement
Music	Charanga Unit 1

	Year 5 will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the piece's structure: Intro, verse 1, bridge, chorus, intro, verse 2, bridge, chorus, guitar solo, bridge, chorus. • Identify the instruments/voices: Lead vocal, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard. • Find the pulse whilst listening. Others will identify changes in tempo, dynamics and texture.
PSHE	Being in My World

Water Bottles

It is essential that all children have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be left in school, but taken home on a Friday to be deep cleaned. Bottles are to be brought in on Monday morning, filled ready for the day.

PE

Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on their designated PE day, which is **Wednesday**. This is to ensure it can be washed and cleaned for the following week. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months should we be outside for lessons on a dry day. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Swimming is on a Tuesday afternoon for Year 5. Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part. As mentioned, please provide a note for your child if they are unable to take part.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable. An increasing number of children are wearing these to school; please ensure that your child has the correct footwear. All children should be wearing their tie to school every day as well as their blazer. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, bracelets, large bows, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Oswald

Mr Holliday