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Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5

We have had a wonderful couple of days getting to know our classes and are so happy to have the children back with us after the summer holiday.

Our Year 5 Team is:

- Kingfishers: Mr Matthews
- Mallards: Mrs Pattison
- Our LSAs: Mrs Foord, Mrs Turner, Mr Pattison, Miss Walters and Mrs Morley

Here are some useful dates and information for the term ahead, however we will explain this in more detail during our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon this Wednesday after school.

What do the children need to bring in?

Children can bring in a healthy snack for their morning break such as a piece of fruit or cereal bar and a named drinks bottle. Children can have their drinks bottles in class with them and we will encourage them to keep hydrated throughout the day. Water is available in the children's classrooms to refill the bottles during the day.

As the weather gets colder during this term, please could we ask that children are also sent into school with a labelled coat.

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone in to school, this will need to be handed to their class teacher in the morning as soon as they come into the classroom, who will store it away until the very end of the day. For safeguarding reasons, it is vital that children keep these switched off until they are outside of the school gates.

Finally, please could we ask that children do not bring in toys or similar items in from home.

Home Reading:

We have set the children up with the appropriate level of reading book by using our reading program, Accelerated Reader. Each child will take a home a reading book and this needs to be returned when the child has finished reading it. They can then take an Accelerated Reader quiz in school before choosing their next book.

As reading is so important, we would appreciate if any parents, grandparents or carers could come into school to read with some of our Year 5 children. It can make a huge difference to the children's progress in reading. Please contact your child's teacher for further details if you are interested and would be able to spare a morning or afternoon a week.

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Home Learning:

For home learning this year, there is a weekly piece of grammar/maths and spelling the children are expected to complete. These tasks will need to be completed by Friday, when new pieces will be uploaded. These can be completed on our online learning platform, Seesaw. In addition to this, we will provide an optional homework menu which will change every half term based on the learning the children are doing.

PE

Weekly PE lessons are on Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor) afternoons. We would like the children to come to school on both of these days dressed in the following PE kit: their usual school jumper, their white school shirt or plain white t-shirt, dark blue/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. This means that they do not need to wear their normal school uniform on their PE day, in order to bypass the need for changing.

Your role as parents and carers is a vital part of our school, and the Year 5 team look forward to working with you to help your children have a positive and rewarding year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or email your child's class teacher:

Kingfishers: tmatthews@cockingtonprimary.org.uk

Mallards: lpattison@cockingtonprimary.org.uk

Kind regards,

Mr Matthews and Mrs Pattison

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