



Welcome to Year 5 - we are excited to welcome you and the children back into the school community. Our Autumn topics are:

1. A short unit on the History of Widey Court
2. Where in the world? – Europe (Geography – Aut 1)
3. When the Romans left Britain, how did the culture change? (History – Aut 2)

Please see the 'Curriculum Overview' for more information.

Your Year 5 Teachers and Teaching Assistants are:

Brentor – Mrs Pomeroy

Burrator – Mr Gribble (Assistant Head/Phase Leader) & Mrs Carney

Vixen Tor – Mrs Bemister (Year Leader) & Mrs Llewellyn (Fridays – Deputy Head)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bridges (HLTA), Mrs Lambourne and Mrs Keach

PE days: **Indoor PE** is on Tuesday for all classes

Outdoor games Vixen Tor on Mondays Brentor and Burrator on Thursdays

Start and end of the day - please can children not arrive at school before 8:30 unless attending breakfast club.

Staff collect children from middle playground at 8.40am

Afternoon pick-up on middle playground 3:20pm

Pride in personal appearance:

Children at Widey are expected to wear the correct school uniform including: a tie, black shoes, dark green jumper (with or without the school badge), white collared shirt and grey trousers, skirt or dress (please check all clothing is named – thank-you). Small stud earrings and watches (not Smartwatches) are acceptable; no other jewellery please. Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back or clipped back off the face and please, no coloured hair braids, nail varnish or temporary tattoos.

Physical education:

P.E. this term will include a range of outdoor games and indoor gymnastics, dance and yoga. Your child's teacher and a sports coach will teach P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Details of the correct kit are available on the school's website (please check that all clothing is named – thank-you).

Reading, reading, reading:

In Year 5, children are still expected to regularly read alongside an adult. The benefits of reading daily at home (and at school) include: improved vocabulary, stronger thinking skills, better writing skills, memory improvement, reading can also be calming and is a way of learning new information. The more your child reads, the more knowledge they will have and the better equipped they will be to tackle future challenges.

If you need to get in touch:

Please contact your class teacher via email or the Class Dojo page. If you wish to contact by phone, please call the school office and they will forward your message.

Class emails:

Vixen Tor - cbemister@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk AND jllewelllyn@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk

Burrator - gcarney@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk AND rgribble@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk

Brentor - ppomeroy@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk

Home Learning tasks:

Children will have a set of spellings to learn each week and a learning task connected to Maths, English or Topic. Please see the Home Learning document on the class webpage.

Spellings are set each Monday and will be tested in school on the following Monday.

We would ask that all children are reading daily at home and practising their times-tables at least 3 times each week on Times Table Rockstars.

Thank you from the Year 5 Team