

Yorke Mead Primary School



Welcome to Year 5

Rowan and Ash
2021-2022

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We are so delighted to welcome you to Year 5 and hope that you all have a happy and successful year.

The Year 5 Team

Rowan – Miss Richards

Ash – Mrs Walke (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Watkins (Thursday to Friday)

TA's – Ms Bradwell and Mrs Highet

Things to bring to school



Reading Book

The children should all bring their reading book and reading diary into school each day. An adult must sign the reading diaries at least three times a week. Some children are likely to be competent readers who wish to read alone. However, even the most competent readers still need to read to and discuss books with an adult. If your child is a competent reader you may wish to alternate this so they read to themselves one night and to an adult the next. Children are rewarded for completing three reads and will receive a sticker on their "Bookmark".

Home Learning

Home Learning books will go home every Friday and be handed in on Tuesday. In Year 5 home learning will include, Maths, English/grammar, spellings, times tables, reading and occasionally a longer topic piece. The spelling test will take place on a Friday and the times table test will take place monthly.

PE Kit

Children will take part in PE lessons on Monday and Thursday each week. As stated in the letter from Mrs Pollard on these days, they may attend in their full PE kit (no school uniform required).

A Bottle of Water

We encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the school day. Children are expected to bring a named bottle of water, no juice, to school and will have the opportunity to refill these regularly. Please do not send children with frozen water, as the condensation makes tables and book bags wet. Please make sure that water bottles are washed daily.

Hand sanitiser and a packet of tissues

Tissues and hand sanitiser are available in each classroom for children to use. We are always grateful for donations of tissues in the winter months.

Equipment

You can choose to send your child in with basic equipment. If you do, please can you make sure that your child has a pencil case (clear plastic) with basic equipment in it (pencil, pen, colouring pencils, ruler, rubber), no gel pens that can be left in school.



Snack

Children can bring in a healthy snack to eat during the morning break (for example fruit or vegetables) no chocolate, crisps, nuts or cereal bars - thank you.

Library Books

We will have a library time once a week. The children will choose a library book and bring this home to read and enjoy. They need to bring the book back to school the following week so they can choose a new book.



Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. Plain stud earrings only, no other jewellery or nail varnish should be worn in school. Long hair must be tied back. Please see the email from Mrs Pollard regarding school uniform for more information.

Getting in touch

If you need to speak to a member of staff it is best to email admin@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk – stating who you need to speak to and a brief explanation of why (if possible) in the subject line and the relevant member of staff will get in touch with you as soon as possible. You can also still use the Year 5 email year.5@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk to contact the team, however please note this email account will only be checked on a weekly basis.

Twitter

Last year Twitter really took off at Yorke Mead and it has become a great way for us to keep you updated about what is happening. Have you remembered to follow your child's new year group? Start following now and you won't miss out on anything.

@5YorkeMead

End of School Day

If your child is in Year 4 Maple, Year 5 or Year 6 they will now exit school through the rear classroom doors, following the one way system. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 you

may decide that your child is old enough to meet you at a quieter meeting point, on site or off site. If this is the case, or you plan to allow your child to walk home independently, we will need you to complete and return the relevant form. This is a positive step in supporting the children's independence and you know your child best, and can judge if they are ready for this. All children should be told if the parent due to collect them is not there to walk back to school/their classroom. They should not go home with another parent if this has not been planned and definitely not walk home themselves unless this is planned.

Year 5 2021 - 2022 Curriculum

We follow a creative curriculum at Yorke Mead School and aim to cover all the curriculum skills that children require within the different topics taught across the year. As well as Maths and English lessons each day we will be studying the following themes:-

South America	Children will be learning about the continent of South America. The physical and human geography of this amazing part of the world.
World War One	In this history topic we will learn about how World War One started, the Christmas truce and what life was like for soldiers in the trenches. Children will also study a significant turning point in war. There will also be a WW1 theme day in Autumn 2.
Maps	This geography topic focusses on map work. Children will revisit and build on their knowledge cities, countries and key physical features. In addition they will learn about 4 and 6 figure grid references.
The Saxons and Vikings	In this topic we will learn about the settling of Britain by the Anglo-Saxons and the invasion of the Vikings. We will investigate how the Anglo-Saxons lived and why the Vikings wanted to invade.
Ancient Greece	In this history topic children will have the chance to learn about many aspects of life in ancient Greece including democracy and will be able to make comparisons between ancient democracy and modern day.
Energy and the Environment	This geography topic will teach the children about our planet, how we survive and how we need to look after it. As well as learning about London, the children will consider important features for a settlement site, and discuss our carbon footprint and where resources such as power and food come from. We will hope to do a trip to the London Eye in the Summer Term 2.