

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
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Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome to Year 5!

We are very excited to welcome you back to school, and to Upper Base, where we have lots of great learning planned for the coming year.

Our first topic is '**What is a River?**' and you will be able to discover the details of the children's learning across all subjects on the Year 5 Topic Grid.

Just so you are aware, the **PE** days in Year 5 are Wednesdays and Fridays. A polite reminder that the correct kit should be provided for these lessons: white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and trainers. Children with pierced ears will be asked to remove earrings: if they cannot, they should bring their own micro-pore tape with which to cover them. The children had an amazing time on our residential to CYE, enjoying the water activities of sailing and rafting as well as the tunnelling!

Homework will consist of a spelling, reading and times-table activity and this should be completed in their Homework diaries. Children can expect homework to be handed out every Monday with the expectation that they all hand it in the following week. Each child will find a 'Reading Miles' sheet in the back of their Homework diary, this is so we can continue to reward children for their reading efforts.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE encourage your child to read every day! Remember to sign the sheet in the back of their homework diary so that they can earn their certificates. Although children still have their TTRS logins so that they can practise their times tables, practising in their homework diaries is still very effective, especially if you'd like to limit screen time. We will be monitoring their progress, so please continue to support them.



Recommended Reads:

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Noah's Gold by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell



The welcome meeting is on Wednesday 13th September at 3.30pm and repeated again at 4.30pm.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children and we encourage you to contact us to discuss any issues, concerns or feedback you may have about your child's education.

Thank you for your support - here's to a fantastic year!

Year 5 Team:

Mr Harper, Mrs Traverse & Mr. Howard (Owl Class)
Miss Duncan, Mrs German & Miss White (Falcon Class)