




Waterbeach Community Primary School
Year 5 Team Letter
End Autumn - Spring 2023-24

<div>Gorilla Class – Ms Spratt</div> <div></div>	<div>Koala Class – Miss Sparkes</div> <div></div>	<div>Wolves Class – Mrs Cobbe & Mrs Norman</div> <div></div>
<div>What a fantastic year we have had, so far. We loved our VE Day celebration and the children looked great in their evacuee costumes. We hope you have had a great Easter break and are ready for a busy Summer Term. It won't be long before we embark on our exciting residential at Hilltops, so check kit lists ready to pack!</div>		
<div>Exciting things the children will be learning in the Summer term.</div> <div>During the first half of the Summer term our topic will be Ancient Greece. In this Olympic year, we look forward to sharing with the children more about the Ancient World where this tradition began. As part of this, we will be learning about the geography of Europe.</div> <div>Our other topic this term will be ‘Small Blue Planet’. One of the school’s core themes is the Environment and in the summer term we shall be exploring our precious planet. We will be considering the human impact on our world – positive and negative; Earth’s physical geography (rivers, mountains, vegetation belts and rainforests), and the Earth as a small, blue planet in our Solar System. As well as the make-up of the Solar System, in science we will be investigating the nature of light, the movement of the Earth around the sun to form day and night and phases of the moon. We hope to enhance our science learning with a visit from mobile planetarium (tbc).</div> <div>Our key texts for this term are <i>Danny Champion of the World</i> by Roald Dahl, and a film text based on an imaginary world: Pandora. We will use this to inspire narrative writing. In RE, we will be trying to explain what the stories and images of deities tell us about Hindu beliefs and making related shadow puppets in DT to use in storytelling.</div> <div>In maths we will cover time, fractions and statistics. We encourage children to keep working on their times tables as these are key in helping understanding the maths and unlocking fractions.</div> <div>In PSHE, we will be investigating how best to manage risks in a variety of different contexts. In PE, the children will be completing units on Athletics and Swimming. Please see below for kit requirements.</div>		
<div>Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time</div> <div>Ms Spratt, Miss Sparkes and Mrs Cobbe will continue to have PPA time on a Wednesday, covered by Mrs Page, Mrs Seymour and Mrs Norman.</div>	<div>SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS</div> <div>8.40am – Children can come into school via the Link door by the KS2 play equipment. The doors will close at 9:00, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in.</div> <div>10.30 – 10:45 – Breaktime</div> <div>12.30 – 1.15 – Lunchtime</div> <div>3.15 – End of the school day</div>	
<div>If you would like your child to walk home on their own after school, OR walk to another part of the site on their own, then you will need to send written permission for them to do this. This can be emailed to the office.</div>		
<div>PE</div> <div>Outdoor PE: Monday; Indoor PE: Tuesday (Koalas & Gorillas) and Thursday (Wolves)</div> <div>Children should have a PE kit consisting of:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• a house colour T-shirt without buttons,• dark plain shorts,• jogging bottoms,• a jumper and• a change of shoes for outdoors.</div> <div>No jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE</div>		

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entitlement is not compromised. We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. **Please label everything!**

BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our new behaviour policy please see the school website – About Us/School Policies/ behaviour policy

HOME LEARNING

This year we would like all children to focus on reading for their home learning. There are so many ways that you could do this such as sharing a book together or reading to your child. In our experience, many children tend to lose some of their good reading habits during time away from school and this can set back their progress. As we need to be able to read to access nearly all other subjects, we really want all our children to retain the skills they have worked so hard to achieve this year. If you would like to see which books have Accelerated Reader quizzes, you can check using this [website](#). They can then quiz these on their return to school.

We would also like the children to use TTRS to work on times tables fluency, and to practise the spellings they have been taught during the week.

Jewellery!

Please can all additional jewellery be left at home. There have been several children wearing necklaces and rings in plain sight or underneath clothes – please can these be kept at home thus reducing the risk of necklaces being caught in class/corridors or lost in school especially if they hold sentimental value. **SMART watches are not permitted in school.**

We are continuing to have a difficult time with hooped earrings being worn by some children – can we insist that children wear just studded earrings reducing the risk of earrings being caught accidentally in class/corridors.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher. Contacting us by email is always the best way as teachers are very busy before and after school, and if we know that you would like to meet with one of us, we can put some time aside on an evening when we don't have meetings. All the teachers' email addresses are provided for you below.

Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – where possible we would like to send all letters via email.

Website – We hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.

Email – you can send emails to your child's class teacher or team leader (Mr Smith). The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office.

Gorillas Class – Ms Spratt – rspratt@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Koalas Class – Miss Sparkes - asparkes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Wolves Class - Mrs Cobbe (Monday to Wednesday) – jcobbe@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Wolves Class - Mrs Norman (Thursday to Friday) – enorman@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Team Leader – Mr Smith - dsmith@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time.

Summer Term Key Dates

Please see the school [website](#) for upcoming dates with any additional dates appearing in the weekly letters.
Term dates and key dates can be [found here](#).