

# Y5 Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2017

## General Information

Class 5Y – Miss Young

Class 5W – Miss Warwick

We now have a topic-based approach to our curriculum at Fairfields. There will be three different topics; the first is this term and is entitled 'Odyssey'. Please find attached a mind map of the different subjects and how they link with this topic.

Your child will receive regular homework as they did last year but it will now include an Abacus game to play on the computer. There will be a demonstration of this for 5W on Monday at 2.30 p.m. and for 5Y on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 p.m. The children will still be asked to read at home weekly, practise their spellings and learn tables as appropriate. This homework will be set on Friday and will be due in on Wednesday. Spellings are tested on Wednesday too. There will also be a half termly set of topic challenges as last year.

Miss Young and Miss Warwick are keen to work in a partnership with you. We appreciate your support with homework although, if you really feel that your child has found it hard, we would be grateful if you could let us know. Please feel free to make an after-school appointment if you wish to discuss any problems or queries you may have.

## Reading

Each day, the children participate in guided reading. We undertake a range of different activities such as reading text, looking at the layout, answering comprehension questions and predicting what might happen next. Please encourage your child to read at home and we would appreciate it if you could ask them to predict what might happen next based on what they have read.

## Mathematics

During our mathematics sessions, the children will work on mental and oral strategies for calculations. They will use numbers from one to 1 million, as well as decimals to develop their understanding of place value. We will use this understanding, along with the four rules of number, to solve real life problems. We will also work on fractions, decimals and percentages. The curriculum has an emphasis on reasoning so children need to be able to explain their work. You could help us with this aim by asking the question 'Why?' while they are doing mathematical activities at home.

Please contact us if you have any queries about the curriculum. If you would like additional activities for the children to undertake at home, we have a number of subscriptions that your children can access.

[www.numbergym.co.uk](http://www.numbergym.co.uk)

We have subscribed to BondBuilder and TableTrainer which will provide mental arithmetic opportunities at home.

[Fairfields-hampshire.frogos.net](http://Fairfields-hampshire.frogos.net)

This provides a vast selection of quizzes in all areas of the curriculum.

[www.planetsherston.com](http://www.planetsherston.com)

This provides an opportunity to earn 'space bits' through completing curricular challenges.

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

Curricular mathematics activities are available on this site which is used by years 5 and 6.

Yours sincerely

Miss C. Warwick

Miss V. Young