



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

AUTUMN TERM 2023 - WELCOME TO NG5

Welcome to an exciting new year with the Year 2 team! We are so happy to have you all back at school. Mrs Crawford and Miss Clarke are the class teachers and Miss Williamson, Miss Appleby, Mrs Chapman and Miss Wilkinson are our teaching assistants. We have had a great start to the term; the children have settled in brilliantly and everyone is working hard!

We will be learning in a creative, cross-curricular way and the focus for each subject will be:

Science	Animal habitats - Into the Woods
Geography	Houses and homes - Welcome to NG5
R.E.	Religious Stories and Christianity
Music with Mrs Needham	Music appreciation and use of instruments
Art/DT	L S Lowry, hedgehog homes, sketching
PE	Throwing and catching and dance
Computing	E-safety, finding the internet and Scratch
SEAL(Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning)	Jigsaw - celebrating difference

PE with our coaches is on a Friday afternoon for both classes. On a Friday, children can come to school in their PE kit. This should be a white t-shirt with plain, navy shorts or joggers and a plain, navy jumper or hoody. They can also wear PE kit on a Tuesday, which is their dance afternoon. Please adhere to our PE kit requirements.

A few reminders ...

- Please could book bags and reading diaries be in school every day. Children will have three weekly reading sessions in school, before they bring home a new Little Wandle book to share with you. Please ensure that this book is always in their book bag so not to impact the following week's groups. Children will also have a reading for pleasure book, which can be changed whenever. We ask that children read for 10 minutes every night with a grown up. Your comments are very valuable to us and can be written in your child's reading diary.
- Head lice - please check your child's hair regularly.

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- Please encourage your child to learn spellings (set on Friday, tested on the following Friday). The focus will be on spelling rules and the sounds taught in phonics that week. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher.
- Homework will be set on a Friday and will consolidate current classwork. We expect this to be back at school by the following Wednesday. We ask that you spend 20 minutes on this; if it isn't complete, don't worry. We'd just like the children to have a go. Homework is an important part of your child's learning and we would appreciate your support with this.
- Medicine - if you need the class teacher to administer medicine to your child you need to complete a medicine form from the office which need to be signed by yourself and the class teacher.
- Please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- Please send a labelled water bottle into school every day.
- We will be outside for play, as often as possible, so please send your child to school with a labelled rain coat.

Finally, we hope to visit Blackwoods after half term for a hedgehog based investigation. A letter will be sent a few weeks before we go.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team