

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Eiffel class! I hope you all had a lovely summer and your child is looking forward to the year ahead. We have some very exciting things planned and we are sure that this is going to be a fantastic year. Although starting in a new class can be very exciting, for some it can sometimes cause anxiety. Please feel free to come and speak to me about any issues or concerns at any time throughout the year. In this letter I have included some information which will help you this coming year.

Our **P.E.** lessons will take place on a **Monday** and **Thursday** for this half term. Your child will need to wear dark coloured shorts and a white t-shirt for indoor P.E. sessions and for outdoor P.E. sessions they will need to wear trainers/plimsolls, a white t-shirt and a dark tracksuit top and bottoms if the weather is cold. Please ensure that all of your child's P.E kit has their full name inside. I would recommend that your child's P.E. kit remains in school for the duration of each half term to ensure they always have it, or if it is taken home on a Friday to be washed then it is brought back on **Monday** ready for the week.

Reading books will be sent home with their reading record in due course. The children can read with you or on their own. You may wish to sign and date their reading records and include any comments you have about their reading however they can also note down pages they have read independently. It is important that the children bring in their reading book every day.

Each week, the children will be given homework which will generally consist of reading, writing or mathematical activities however they may also receive homework around the topics we are studying in class. Handwriting homework will also be given out each week and will need to be returned by **Friday** each week. The children must complete this in pencil until they have achieved their provisional pen license. Any support that you can provide the children with their homework would be very much appreciated.

The school will provide the children with the equipment that they will need in school, therefore pencil cases are not needed and we would ask that these are left at home and used to complete homework tasks.

We would like to remind you that as a school we insist on *healthy* snacks like fruit and vegetables. No chocolate bars please! They are of course welcome to bring in a small amount of money in a named purse or wallet to purchase healthy snacks at school. The children are allowed to bring in water bottles and this is encouraged, especially during the hotter months. The children must only bring in water in bottles with sports tops.

As your child is now in Year 5, they are allowed to walk home themselves with your written permission. If you would like your child to walk home please fill in the reply slip below and return

it to me. If for any reason your child is going to be picked up on that day, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can make sure this happens.

During the Autumn Term, Year 5 will be studying The Tudors as part of their History curriculum. If you do have any artefacts, resources or books that we could use, we would greatly appreciate it if we were able to share them with the children in lessons and/or show on display. We will also have a visit from a theatre company in November in order to help our work in the classroom become more 'real' for the children and a visit to Hampton Court Palace in October. More details of this visit will follow in the coming weeks.

Yesterday you received two copies of our Home School Agreement which has been shared with the children in school. I would appreciate if both you and your child could sign the agreement and return one copy to school, while keeping one copy for yourselves.

On **Tuesday**, we will be going on our trip to Runways End. Please make sure you have completed the permission slip and medical form as soon as possible as they cannot take part in the day unless these are completed. Spare letters can be found in the office.

Could you also please return the slip below to us - letters do have a strange way of staying firmly at the bottom of school bags so this is our way to know that you have actually seen it! We would just like to take this opportunity to again welcome you to Year 5 and ask that if you have any questions or concerns, you do not hesitate to ask myself or one of the Year 5 team.

Many thanks
Miss Corper

Eiffel Class Teacher

To: Miss Corper, Tower Hill Primary School

Name of pupil _____ Year 5

✓ **I have read the Year 5 introductory letter**

I do / do not give permission for my child to walk home by themselves at the end of the school day.

✓ I will contact the school office as soon as possible should the going home arrangements change for my child.

Signed _____ *Parent/Guardian

Date _____