

Welcome to Class 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to welcome your child to Class 5. We are sure it will be a fantastic year, with lots of fun activities to look forward to. The Class 5 team are Mrs McVey and Mrs Meers and our teaching assistant, Mrs Anderson. We have many successful years of working together and are excited about a new and exciting year.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs McVey	Mrs McVey	Mrs McVey and Mrs Meers	Mrs Meers	Mrs Meers

Helping at Home

Projects

As you know, Crow Orchard has changed the homework policy and we no longer ask children to complete weekly maths and English homework. In place of this, we are now setting more fun, creative projects and we couldn't be happier with the amount of effort and enthusiasm children put in last year. These projects really spark the imaginations of children. We encourage them to share what they have learned and produced in a presentation to the class when they have been collected at the end of the half term.

Details of our first project to follow...

Reading and Times tables

Reading and timetables remain of great importance in Year 5. We expect all children to read at least 3 times a week. We have an exciting reading challenge which encourages children to read at home. Last year, we really noticed an increase in home reading through our reading challenges so we would appreciate as much support with this as possible. Parents please sign home/school records to show your child has read.

Children need to know their multiplication facts up to 12x12. Please can we ask for your support with learning times tables as without secure times-tables knowledge, the children will find a lot of the Year 5 Maths work extremely difficult and it will severely impact their progress in the subject. There are lots of Maths games you can play online to help. www.mymaths.co.uk is a particularly good website. The password is *crow* and the user name is *teacher*

Seesaw

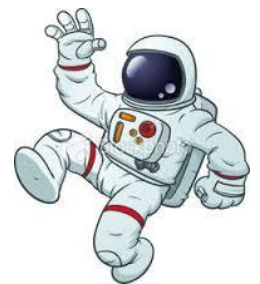
Hopefully, last year, you signed up to our brilliant app, Seesaw. It gives an immediate personalised view of their child's school day. We are trying to update on a daily basis so please sign up if you haven't already. It's a brilliant way to find out what your child has been doing, especially if they don't usually tell you, or say they've done nothing! Thank you to the parents that have signed up, we hope you are enjoying the regular updates.

Home/Record Book

This is still the main way that we communicate with parents. Children will record any important/unusual events that are taking place that week.

We will record any changes in the home school record books so it is vital that your child brings it in every day and it is signed every Friday so we know the children are showing you.

Proof of reading - please sign your child's home school record book every week as if it isn't signed by an adult, we have no way of knowing if your child really has read at home. In upper KS2, we have noticed a lot of children write when they read themselves but we need a parent to verify this with a signature.



This Term

Our topic is 'Earthlings', where we will be learning all about space.

It is a science based topic, which we will be starting soon. We have linked it to other areas of the curriculum including music, where we are finding out about the scores of John Williams. Our English is also linked to this exciting new topic. We will be looking at science fiction and writing our own non-fiction booklet about space.

We have lots of fun activities lined up to help inspire and excite the children...watch this space!!!

PE

PE will be on Monday. Swimming will continue to be on Friday. Don't forget kits and swimming caps!



If you have any worries or queries about your child, don't hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks

Mrs McVey and Mrs Meers