



**Heathland  
School**

# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5!

The children have made a fantastic positive start to the new year. They look very smart in their fresh uniforms, and now they are role models in the upper part of the school we would like you to encourage your child to wear their uniform smartly and proudly. Can we also remind you that they should wear shoes, not trainers.

### Role models and school values

Being in Year 5 now, we expect the children to be excellent role-models to the younger children, and the children are already rising to this challenge. Respect is our school value for September, and we rely on the children in Year 5 to demonstrate this consistently.

### PE days

Year 5 PE day is on **Wednesday**. Kits can be kept in cupboards in each classroom and then be taken home to be washed during the half-term. The correct PE kit is: navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, plimsolls/trainers. Please ensure that jewellery is not worn on Wednesdays.

### Swimming

All Year 5 classes will be taking part in swimming lessons every Thursday starting from 13th September 2018 until the end of June 2019. Swimming is a compulsory part of the PE curriculum for Year 5, so please ensure that your child has all the correct kit-costume, towel, swimming cap and brings this to school each Thursday.

### Home learning

Home learning for Year 5 will be set every Friday and will be due in on Tuesday. We value your support in this. The children are also expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes everyday.

### The curriculum

In English, we will be looking at narrative, formal letter writing and focusing on information texts and how to separate information into relevant sections. Later in the term, we will be analysing different types of genres and authors.

In maths, we have started making sure all children can use place value and we will progress into using the 4 operations of maths (+-x÷) successfully.

In P.E. we will be learning the skills associated with gymnastics and swimming.



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## Topic

Our topic this term is looking at the question: How did Victorian ideas change the world? Within this topic, we will be learning about what life was like in Victorian times, the art styles of the era and researching significant figures, including Dr. Barnardo, William Morris and Lord Shaftesbury.

## Growth Mindset

Heathland is an accredited thinking skills school and for the children this means using a variety of thinking skills in their everyday lessons. Ask your child about; thinking hats, thinking maps and the habits of mind they use in school. This year we will be talking about a growth mindset which encourages children to talk about themselves as learners and how they react positively to the challenges they face learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and productive time in Year 5. Please see us if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully,  
The Year 5 Team

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Ms Neundorf  
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Mr Brazer  
Jacaranda Class