



YEAR FIVE

PARENT

HANDBOOK

2019/20

Year 5 Handbook

Welcome to Year 5! We hope that this handbook will answer some of the questions you may have about the year ahead.

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Academic Matters

Maths

- Maths is taught in specific ability groups. We use assessment data and advice from Year 4 staff and pupils are split into 3 groups for their Maths lessons. These are taught by Mr Millar, Mr Guest and Ms Perrin
- The three groups cover the same key topics each week but the depth and pace of study will differ and homework tasks are also adapted for each set. We monitor progress carefully throughout the term and movement between the sets is possible at any time in order to optimise pupil progress.
- Throughout Year 5 pupils will revise their times tables up to 12s. We will work in class on strategies and children should practise their tables at home regularly.

Spelling

- Year 5 follow the revised Paragon Spelling Scheme (September 2019) which is aligned to the National Curriculum. All pupils will do a spelling assessment at the start of the year to ensure that they are in the correct group.
- Pupils have regular spelling lessons during the week and are taught strategies to help to embed their knowledge and understanding of spelling.
- Pupils will need to practise their spellings at home and will be set tasks to complete. They will have a short weekly spelling test at school each week.

Reading

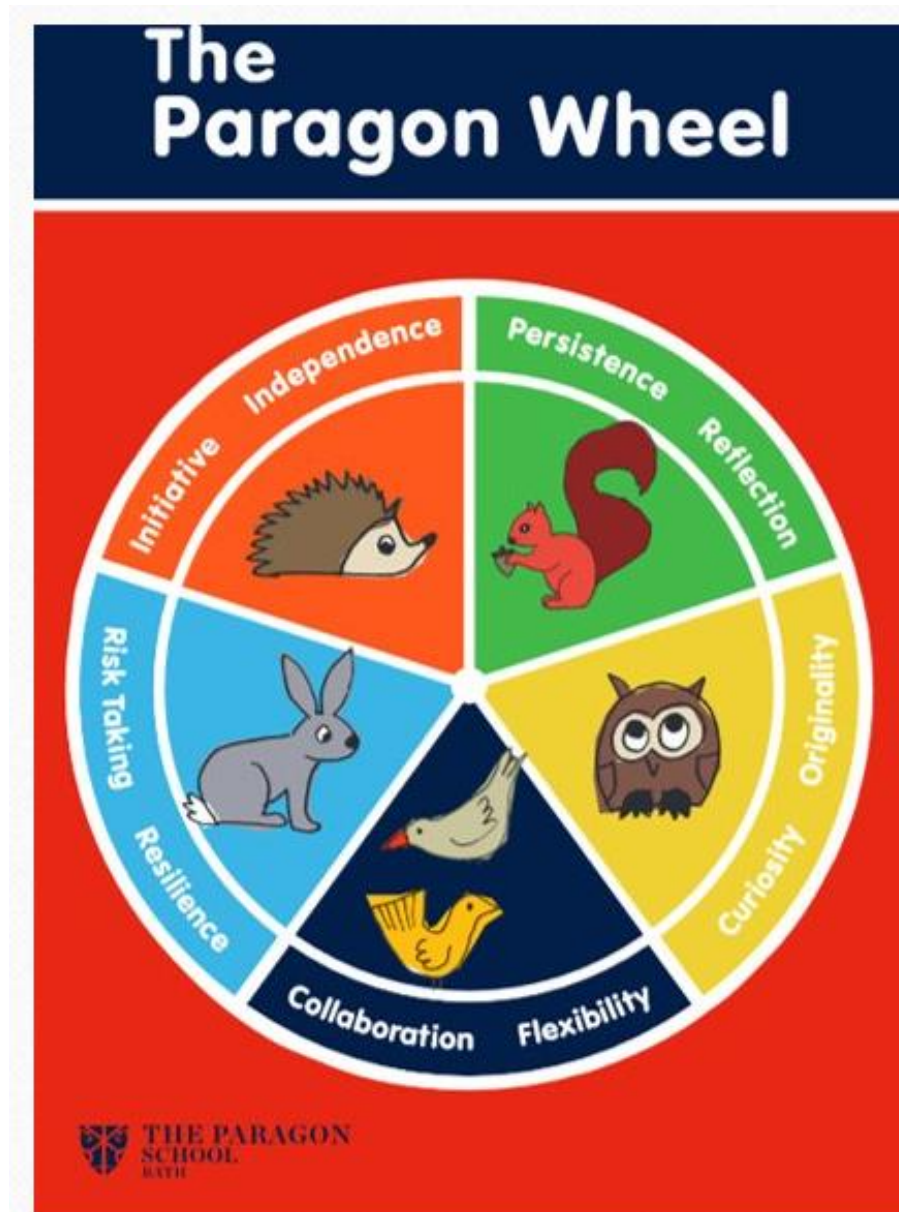
- Most Year 5 pupils are developing their confidence with reading. We aim to discuss their book choices and listen to them read once a week. Less fluent readers will be heard more often.
- Reading is the key to success in many aspects of English and the curriculum as a whole. It is important that children continue to read for pleasure in order to build a wide comprehension of language and a broad vocabulary to use in their own writing. Parents are encouraged to continue to listen to their child read regularly, to discuss the plot and any unfamiliar vocabulary.
- We also undertake Guided Reading in class, using specific texts for comprehension, language and creative activities.
- All reading, at home and at school, is recorded in the Pupil Planner.
- The school library catalogue, including useful websites, can be accessed via <https://u002299.microlibrarian.net>. Your child can then log on to their individual account by entering their unique library number as their username and again for their password (email fclague@priorparkschools.com if you need it emailed to you).

Homework

- Year 5 will be set homework on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. They will have at least two evenings before it is due to be handed in.
- The work is planned to take no more than 30 minutes. If a child wants to spend longer on a task that's fine but if your child has spent the allotted time on the work but not managed to complete it and wants to stop, please write a note under the work.
- Every other week, instead of a written homework for Maths or English, your child will be allocated a homework slot to practise either DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish. It is recommended that that your child practises their DoodleMaths/DoodleEnglish 'little and often'; we recommend 5 -10 minute slots instead of just one sitting. Every week there will be a DoodleMaths or a DoodleEnglish focus but it would be great if your child can continue to do some practice for both, if time allows.
- If evening commitments mean that a pupil has not managed to complete a piece of work on time and they need an extension, it is important that the child speaks to the member of staff concerned – this is part of them taking responsibility for organising their time.
- Homework tasks are written in the Pupil Planner.

Learning Habits

Pupils are encouraged to develop the learning habits shown on The Paragon Wheel and they are discussed regularly.



Stage Production

- All Year 5 will be involved in our drama production which is rehearsed and performed in the Julian Slade Theatre, Prior Park College during the two weeks after half term in June – “Drama Fortnight”.

Residential



- There will be a Year 5 residential trip to Osmington Bay, Dorset from 12-15 May 2020.
- The children will have the opportunity to develop their team building skills and will participate in a variety of curriculum-based activities.
- They will be situated in a secure environment in en-suite chalets and are expected to take responsibility for their own hygiene throughout the week.

The Bulletin



The Bulletin is a key communication for parents; do check it every week. It contains a summary of what has been happening in school and, perhaps more importantly, information about forthcoming events. Details about:

- Trips – letters with permission slips
- Outdoor Learning activities - appropriate clothing and wellies
- On site special days
- Assemblies
- Headmaster's Comments
- Music and Sport Notices

We also encourage Year 5 pupils to check it for themselves so that they follow up on the information too.

We hope you find all the enclosed details useful.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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