# Welcome to Year 5!

A really warm welcome back to Avenue Junior School!

After a restful summer, it's been a fairly eventful start to the new term with class closures and room swaps being required. Despite this, the children have shown a fantastic attitude to learning and have been incredibly respectful to each other.

We are aware that the classes were mixed up at the end of last year and we will be including a number of class-based activities that are social, so they get to know their (potentially) new classmates.

This newsletter is to help bring you up to speed with some of the things going on at school at the start of the new year. Please do also keep an eye on ClassDojo as this is our primary means of communication.

# Meet the Year 5 Team:

We have a fantastic team of adults in Year 5! Please feel free to chat to us afterschool or send us a message on ClassDojo.

5BR - Miss Bailey and Mr Reynolds

5C – Miss Carver

5G - Miss Holmes

5U - Mr Upson (Year Leader)

We have a great team of support staff that will spend time working with pupils in classrooms and helping pupils to make further progress. This includes Miss Milne, Miss Rivett, Miss Allain and Mr Burrage.

#### **PE Days**

5BR – Wednesday and Thursday.

5C – Tuesday and Friday.

5H – Tuesday and Wednesday.

5U - Thursday and Friday.

Children are expected to wear:

- A plain white top (polo or t-shirt)
- Black shorts or leggings or jogging bottoms
- Trainers that provide your child with good stability.

Children should come to school on P.E. days dressed in their kit. On cooler days, children can of course wear a jumper. This can be a school jumper or a plain blue or black top.

#### Water bottles and breaktime snacks

Please ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school. Most children will also bring in a healthy snack for their morning break.

## **Reading at Home**

Whilst we do not set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we do ask that you spend 15 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wide-ranging in helping their vocabulary and knowledge of the world.

It would be great to hear what books your child likes and if you need recommendations or if you need more books at home, please speak to us and we can support you. There will be time in the classroom for pupils to read independently and with adults, as well as focused whole-class reading lessons too.

### **Curriculum Map**

A curriculum map will be sent out through email and ClassDojo and it will also be available on the school website. The curriculum map provides you with a brief overview of our learning for this half term. If you can support any of our topics in anyway at all, please chat to your child's teacher.