

Dear Year 4 (almost Year 5 😊),

Hello there!

It's Miss Davies here! I just wanted to say 'hello' and to let you know a little bit about what to expect in Year 5 in September. We are going to have a super year, and I hope you are all as excited as I am!

As you may already know, I am going to be your class teacher after the summer holidays, and I am really looking forward to teaching and getting to know you all properly. Year 5 is a **fantastic** year, where you will get to learn about lots of exciting topics- from Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, to Space and Brazil- and much, much more! It is sure to be year full of memories that you will take away and remember forever! Plus, you have the pleasure of Bob the fish's company, too!

So... many of you have not been to school for quite a while now, and you may be a little bit nervous about coming back after Summer. Some of you might be desperate to get back, too. However you are feeling, this is **TOTALLY** normal! Things are going to be a little bit different to what you are used to, in September, but there is absolutely **nothing** to worry about. You will still be with your normal classmates and will have lots of adults around to help and support you whenever you need it. All we need from you are lots of big smiles and a really positive, determined attitude. This way, we will have lots of laughs and a very successful year!

This brings me to the work. You might think Y5 work is going to be difficult, and you may not feel ready for the challenge- but don't fret! We are all bound to be a little bit rusty at first, and the work is supposed to challenge you, but you will never find it TOO difficult, and will all be **ready** for it come September- trust me! We are going to take it as slow as we need to, at first, and it doesn't matter if we make mistakes or have forgotten things, too. Mistakes are GREAT: they help us to learn, and nobody ever learned anything from getting things right ALL of the time, did they? Also, you will never, EVER be in trouble for not understanding or remembering something- just make sure you let an adult in class know when you need help, as this is really important! As long as you try to

be the best you can be at all times, that's what matters!

On a final note, I just want to share a few things with you that I think you will find useful to do over the holidays, and will really help you get a head-start and be prepared for next year:

1) **Learn your times tables up to 12 x 12**



Knowing your times tables isn't as simple being able to say '3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18...' and so on. It is being able to recite them as follows:

'Two threes are six, three threes are nine, four threes are twelve...' etc for each times table.

If you can learn the division facts for each one, too- that's even better!

e.g.- $12 \div 6 = 2$

2) **Read EVERY DAY!**



Even if it is just a chapter or a few pages of a book- reading is the key to success! Find a book you will enjoy, first of all, and ask an adult or older sibling to question you about it. It might be questions that help you find a fact, or what the meaning of a tricky word is. You might get them to ask you inference questions (questions where the answer isn't written in the book- you have to 'read between the lines'), for example: 'Jennifer put on her sun cream and readied her hat and sunglasses'- Inference questions about this could be- 'Where is Jennifer going? What time of year is it? How do you think Jennifer might be feeling? What is the weather like?'

Also, remember to read titles and sub-headings of books and predict what the story/ paragraph might be about, too!

3) **Try to revise your SPaG terminology-**

I have attached a SPaG booklet to your blog to help you remember things like conjunctions and fronted adverbials, as well as verbs, prepositions and pronouns etc...



4) **Practise spellings-**

Take a sneak peek at the Y5/6 spelling list (also attached on your blog) and try to learn some of them (as well as recapping the Y3/4 ones). Also, homophones and silent letter words are important to recap, too!

5) **Remind yourself how to use a dictionary and thesaurus-** can an adult test how quickly you can find a word in the dictionary? Time yourself!



6) Get writing!

Find an interesting picture and describe it in detail, write about a holiday or experience over the Summer, a newspaper report, or even a story about something that inspired you. Either way- writing is one thing we have all done less of during our time off school, and it will do you good!

I hope these tips are useful to you and will help you feel a bit more prepared for the start of Y5. You don't need to do them all in one go- just take things a step at a time and don't do too much! Remember to get a good rest ready for a fresh start in September when we will all be raring to go!

Stay safe and have a wonderful summer, Year 5!

Miss Davies 😊

(and Bob)

