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Welcome back to School

Dear 5HM parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 5! This is a fantastic year to build on all the success from years 3 and 4 as the children step into the upper year groups. Already the pupils are positive and enthusiastic about the upcoming topics: Ancient Greece, Space, Healthy Lifestyles and Our County.

We are also delighted to be able to invite you into school on Tuesday 6th October to spend some time with us, find out a bit more about what we will be doing in school this year and how you can support your child.You will be able to come in through the office at 9:10am and stay with us until 10:00am. A grandparent or other family member may attend if you are unable to, and we do appreciate not everyone will be able to come. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

The Year 5/6 door will be opened and monitored from 8:50am for children to be ready to start at 9:00am. To encourage the pupils' independence, we ask you to say goodbye to your child at the door. Small messages may be given to staff. However, if you would like to speak to the class teacher about a more lengthy matter, please call in at the school office to make an appointment so that we can give you our full attention. Pupils will also leave via this door at 3:30pm.

5HM will be taught by Mrs. Hunter on Monday and Tuesday, and by Mr. Marsh on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The class will be also be taught by Mrs. Chandler on Tuesday morning in the hour before lunch, and on Wednesday afternoon from 2:00pm, while Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Marsh have their P.P.A. time.

Timetable

We have PE on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. On Thursday, we ask that the children come to school dressed in their PE kit and bring their uniform to get changed into at the beginning of lunch. Children should come to school wearing school uniform on all other days, including Tuesday. Our school PE kit can be purchased at the school office, or alternatively, a plain, pale blue T-shirt and navy-blue shorts or joggers can be worn. Earrings should be removed prior to school on PE days and long hair should be tied back. It is a good idea to have some spare bobbles in your PE kit if needed.

5HM	9:00–9:30	9:30–10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45–11:00	11:00 -12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00–13:15	1:15-2:00	2:00-3:15	
M	MMM Maths	Maths (Assembly 10:10)	Break	S & S	Writing	Lunch	Handwriting (til 1:30)	Science		
T	MMM Spag	Maths	Break	S & S	R.E (PPA HH)	Lunch	Writing		PE	Y5/6 assembly
W	MMM Spag	Maths	Break	S & S	Writing	Lunch	Reading		Spelling (PPA CM)	Art (PPA CM)
Th	MMM Spag	Maths	Break	S & S	PE	Lunch	Writing		PSHE	Singing assembly
F	French	MMM + Maths	Break	S & S	Writing	Lunch	Spelling	History	Computing	Celebration assembly

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Homework: reading, spelling and maths

It is important that the children read at home to an adult as often as possible (at least three times a week) and that this is recorded in their reading record. We have a reading challenge to help support this. Every week your child's reading record will be checked – if there are at least 3 comments from an adult they will be rewarded with a sticker for their reading sticker tracker which is at the front of their reading record. A full tracker (35 stickers) is a huge achievement and incentives are given along the way. For example, 30 stickers earns the children entry to our grand prize draw with many other great prizes along the way! Recent research has highlighted the importance of reading many books at a simpler level as it boosts the children's fluency, enjoyment and confidence. We are also happy for them to read books and magazines from home as well as their own school reading books. We will check stickers every Monday and so the children can earn their first sticker on the 14th.

In addition to this, the children will be given a Maths and Spelling Homework book. Spelling homework will no longer be set on Edshed. Instead, there will be a focus on children's coloured words and activities set each week to complete in their spelling homework book.

Homework/reading folders should be brought to school every day. We continue to use Accelerated Reader which is a reading scheme that uses a lot of online based assessments and activities that are linked to the children's home reading books. Your child's book level will be displayed as a number on the spine of the book. Your child will actually be given a range of 'book band' numbers that they can select a home reading book from so please do not be concerned if you notice a slight change in your child's book band number, this is to be expected. At our school we encourage the children to independently return and change their books; however we will support them to do this as necessary.

Children will be given maths homework every Friday and it is due in the following Tuesday. Spelling homework will be set on Tuesday and is due Friday.

Snack and Storytime

As in Year 3&4, after playtime each day, we will enjoy our class novel, and children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to enjoy whilst listening to the story. We, as a school, classify a healthy snack as:

- Cheese/crackers
- Cereal bars (not chocolate)
- Fruit and vegetables
- Squeezy yoghurts (not smoothies)
- Mini breadsticks (including dunkers)

For further guidance, please refer to the school website, where you will find the school 'Healthy Snack Policy' as created by School Council last year. A freshly (daily) filled, Kingmoor plastic water bottle is also essential to keep children hydrated. Replacement water bottles can be purchased from the school office. Any bottle or snack pots should be labelled as you would with uniform. Please remember we are a nut free school.

Pencil Cases

Pencil cases are not required as class teachers have prepared all the resources that children need in school. Personal stationery can be left at home for homework! In 5HM each child will be given their own pencil case, complete with all the stationery they need.

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School Council

At Kingmoor Junior School we are very proud of our school council and each class has 2 representatives, who change on an annual basis. Their role is to speak to the other members of the school council about the wishes, queries and ideas of our class. They should be confident and articulate, and be able to express the opinions of the class. On Thursday 10th September, we will anonymously vote for this year's 5HM representatives. If your child would like to put themselves forward they need to plan a short speech to deliver to their peers about why they should be chosen.Feel free to support them at home with this. They may wish to make posters or other means of presentations to accompany this speech. They need to explain to the class why they would make a fantastic member of the school council and the qualities that they have to be able to do this.

Medication and Contact Details

All inhalers should be up to date and kept in the designated box in the classroom. Please make sure you have completed an asthma form, which are available from the office. If your child has any other form of medication, please inform the school office as soon as possible, so we can keep our records maintained and keep your child safe in school. If any medical conditions have appeared or changed over the summer please let us know. Also, if you have changed address or contact details please can you make the school office aware.

Kingmoor Junior School Values

You may remember that for many years we have had a 'Learning Trait' per week. Moving forward, in line with our new Vision and Values we will have one value per half term. Our first one is:

We are inclusive: We welcome all – our practice is rooted in the belief that everyone has the right to succeed.

Children will be looking into this value in class time, playtimes, lunch and assemblies. Talking to your child about this value will also help us to embed this new culture.

At Kingmoor Junior School we carefully share and celebrate the super work of our pupils on *Facebook* so we would encourage you to sign up and follow us to keep up to date with our amazing children and their work.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries.
We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. C. Marsh and Mrs. H. Hunter

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