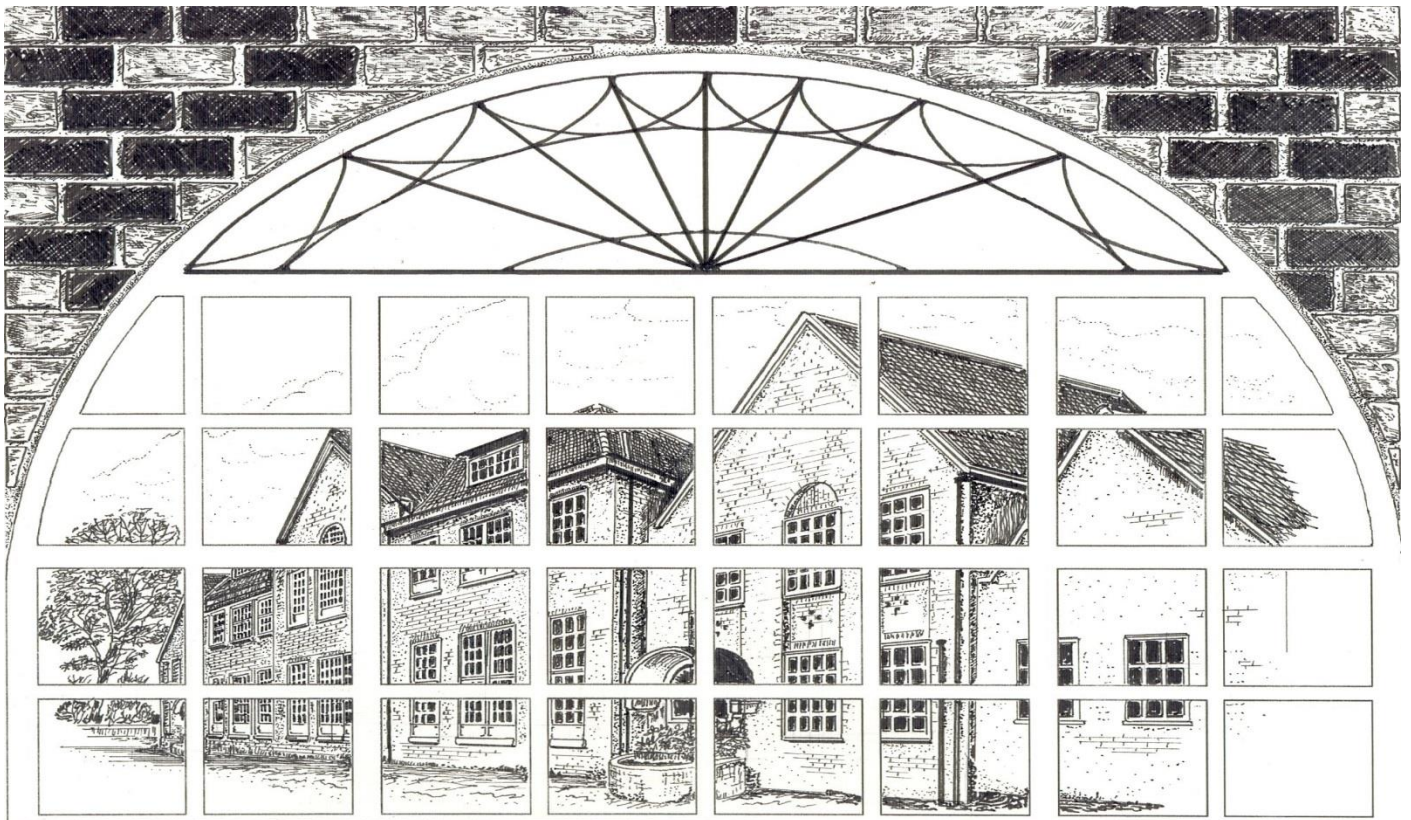


Welcome to Year 5



STAFF

The following members of staff are in Year 5 this year and Mr Mitchell is the head of year.

Class	Class Teachers	Support Staff
5E	Mrs Yilmaz	Mrs Garnie
5P	Mr Mitchell	Mr Howat
5S	Mrs Norman and Miss Guernieri	Mrs Darr and Mrs Anhar

UNIFORM

Whitehall Junior School has extremely high standards for our pupils' appearance and attire, therefore, we ask that you adhere to the following school uniform requirements (please clearly name all items of uniform):

- Plain red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White shirt/blouse or white polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/grey shorts, grey or black skirt or red and white gingham dress for the summer
- Strictly white, short, elasticated hijab
- White, black or grey socks
- Red or grey tights
- Sensible black shoes with backs and no heels

Our P.E. Kit consists of:

- Plain black shorts & plain red t-shirt
- Plimsolls and long plain black jogging bottoms and top required for sessions taking place outside



MEDICAL NEEDS/MEDICATION

You should have already informed the welfare staff of any medical needs your child has. On the first day of school, it is essential that you hand in any medication (e.g. asthma inhalers/spacers, EpiPens etc.) to the school's welfare room so that this can be checked and then placed in the medical bag in your child's classroom. In the case of asthma inhalers and EpiPens, we ask for two to be supplied to the school (one for the classroom and a spare to be kept in the welfare room).

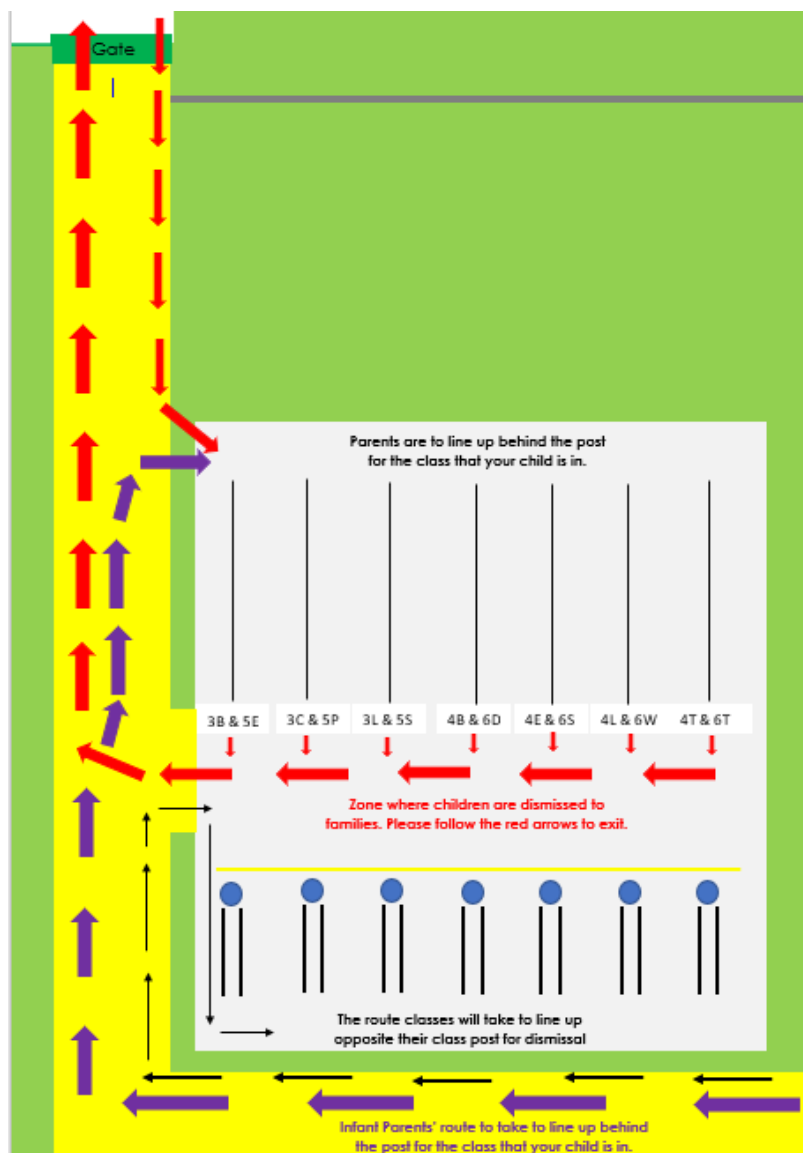
MORNING DROP-OFF ROUTINES

Your child will enter the school every morning through the school gate located on **Whitehall Road** (or **Cowley Road** if you have children who also attend the Infants School). These gates will be open between **8.30am – 8.45am**. Upon arrival, your child will be guided by our staff to walk sensibly to their classroom. The register will be taken at 8.45am. If you arrive at the school gate on Whitehall Road after 8.45am and find it is closed, your child is late and they will need to be taken to the school office to enter the school.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP ROUTINES

For parents who have children in the Infant and Junior school, you will need to collect your infant child/ren first (accessing the school via the main entrance on Cowley Road) and then follow the path onto the field and wait to collect your junior child/ren behind your junior child's class line. For parents who are collecting just junior children, below outlines the organisation and layout for junior pupil dismissal.

Gates open at 3.10pm for dismissal at 3.15pm with lower school pupils being dismissed first.



PE DAYS

We are asking that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have timetabled PE lessons. Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on the following days this academic year: **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

SWIMMING

Your child will have a week of intensive swimming lessons; swimming for an hour every morning for five consecutive days. The booked swimming sessions for the Autumn Term for each class are as follows:

Week beginning 17th November = 5E swimming every morning of that week

Week beginning 24th November = 5P swimming every morning of that week

Week beginning 1st December = 5S swimming every morning of that week

We hope to replicate such swimming lessons again for the Spring and Summer Terms. Further information about your child's swimming lessons will be communicated with you in September.

SNACKS/WATER BOTTLE/EQUIPMENT

At Whitehall Junior School, we encourage families to supply their child with a healthy snack (fruit/veg or a cereal bar) each day for them to have during morning break time; we do ask for any snacks or packed lunches not to contain nuts, as we have several pupils in the school with severe nut allergies. As well as this, please supply your child with a named water bottle which they can have with them in class throughout the day.

On the first day of school, your child will be provided with a clear named pencil case; it is large enough to fit a 30cm ruler. We will then issue your child with: a pencil, pen, rubber, ruler and sharpener. Therefore, your child will not need to bring their own pencil case to school.

SCHOOLMONEY SYSTEM

At Whitehall Junior School we use an online school money system for you to pay for your child's hot dinners, trips and breakfast club. The information you need to access this is on our school website. Please be aware that if you would like your child to have a hot dinner, you must order before midnight on the day before.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is essential. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact us through your child's pupil planner or via our year group email address: year5@whitehalljunior.org. Please note that this email account will not be checked during the school day, as staff will be teaching, or at weekends.

Alternatively, you can make a specific appointment with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.

PUPIL PLANNERS

Your child will be supplied with a pupil planner on the first day of term. This planner is a very useful way to communicate important messages with your child's class teacher; the children's reading is checked daily and any messages you leave will be read. Therefore, it is essential that the planner is taken home each day and returned to the school the next day. The planner will contain your child's Google Classroom, Reading Plus, Athletics and Times Tables Rockstars passwords (on the second page). There are many useful reference pages within the planner for your child to use to support their learning at home. Please take time with your child to look through these reference pages as they will help you support your child with their curriculum knowledge.

BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

At Whitehall Junior School we believe that happiness is at the heart of learning. As part of this, we hold high expectations of behaviour from our pupils at all times. These high expectations and our positive ethos create a calm, stimulating and safe learning environment for our children. To enable us to achieve this, we have a positive, restorative behavior system so all of our pupils know the expectations and consequences if the school rules are broken. Our school behaviour code is simple: Ready, Respectful, Safe – every action can come back to these expectations. At their discretion, teachers can choose to award 'recognition time' to their class at the end of the week. We have a very fair and consistent approach to behaviour across our school.

YEAR 5 CURRICULUM

At Whitehall Junior School, your child's learning is taken from the National Curriculum and a locally agreed syllabus for religious education. The Curriculum aims to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve; to prepare all pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. Through their learning experiences, our pupils are also encouraged to further their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. In addition, we place a strong emphasis on embedding SEAL (social and emotional aspects of learning) within everything we do.

Autumn Term lessons consist of:

- English: reading and writing a variety of genres, as well as specific spelling, handwriting and grammar lessons
- Mathematics: regular mental mathematics tasks, as well as problem solving and applying mathematics skills for all areas of mathematics
- Science: the topic of 'Material and their Properties' will be taught through practical and investigative skills
- Art: painting, drawing and learning about artists
- DT: sculptures and researching designers
- History: 'Archaeologists' learning about Ancient Egypt
- Computing: systems and networks and creating media
- RE: Judaism
- PE: dance, gymnastics and invasion games

HOMEWORK

Your child's homework will consist of:

- A minimum of 20 minutes reading to be recorded in planner (and signed) daily
- Times tables and number facts to be practised regularly at home for our weekly mental arithmetic test
- Weekly spellings issued on Monday and tested on Friday
- Weekly CGP Books: assigned Grammar, Punctuation and spelling task, Comprehension task and Mathematics task
- Optional extension homework, which is available on your child's Year 5 page of the school website: <https://www.whitehalljunior.org/page/?title=Year+5&pid=101>

ONLINE RESOURCES

Whitehall Junior School will supply your child with a Reading Plus, Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars username and password; these will be written in the front of your child's pupil planner. Please use the following websites to further support your child's learning in reading and mathematics at home:

Reading Plus: <https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>

Mathletics: www.mathletics.co.uk

Times Table Rock Stars: www.ttrockstars.com

Oxford Owl: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

E-SAFETY

At Whitehall Junior School we take e-safety very seriously and have regular assemblies and lessons to teach your child about the importance of keeping themselves safe online. We kindly ask that you also have these important discussions with your child at home. Some useful websites for you to access to get further help and information about e-safety are:

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk>online-safety

YEAR 5 PRIORITY TARGETS

Within each year group, teachers have agreed a set of focused 'priority' targets; areas of learning which they believe are absolutely essential to their year group. To enable you to support your child at home, these targets are listed below with some ideas on how you can practise these skills outside of school. We hope this information is useful in enabling you to support our work in school and in helping your child to flourish.

READING PRIORITY TARGETS	WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I can use my knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read out loud and to understand the meaning of new words.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Root words have a prefix or suffix added to them which changes the meaning. For example: reread. The prefix 're' goes at the start of the root word 'read' and means to do again, so 'reread' tells us to read something again. A suffix goes at the end of a root word. For example, 'ful' in 'wonderful' – this suffix tells us something is full of wonder. Look out for these words when reading together and see if you can identify the prefixes or suffixes and root words.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I have read books that were written for a range of purposes and can notice and explain the different organisational features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Look at a variety of books when you read together to ensure a balance between fiction and non-fiction. Before reading, look at and discuss the layout of the page. What do the images tell you? Are there captions? Are key words written in bold? Why do you think the page has been set out in this way? Are sub-headings used to introduce the theme of each paragraph?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I can interpret characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their action and back this up with evidence from a text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enjoy time reading and discussing a bedtime story. You are never too old to sit and enjoy a book together! Ask your child questions about the characters but also what they predict will happen next in the book. Share your opinions on the story too and ask your child to tell you the reasons behind their answers. Can they find evidence in the text (e.g. a specific sentence) which explains a character's feelings, thoughts and motives?
WRITING PRIORITY TARGETS	WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I can plan my writing by: identifying the audience for my writing; the purpose of my writing and the form it will be written in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Before your child begins a piece of writing, it is a good idea for them to talk through their ideas. Many children benefit from saying their sentences out loud before writing them down. Planning writing enables children to record these ideas in note form which helps to keep their writing focused. Ask your child who their piece of writing is aimed at – their audience. What is the purpose of their writing and how will they set this out?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I can use precise and rich vocabulary in my writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From time to time, some of our teachers ban the use of words like: said, big, nice and small. Using a thesaurus, or words learnt from reading, shows how much more exciting and varied vocabulary choice can be. Pick a word with

	<p>your child and take turns to come up with alternatives. You could play this back and forth like a game of word tennis. For example, if you start by saying 'small' you could go on to come up with: tiny, diminutive, little, minuscule, minor, slight and so on. Words which have the same meanings are called synonyms. Encourage your child to select words which are precise in the meaning they wish to convey.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can evaluate and edit my writing by proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read through completed pieces of homework together to look out for mistakes in spelling or punctuation and to identify areas which could be improved. Ask your child to identify their best and worst sentence and justify to you why this is so. Look at the 'worst' sentence together and have a go at improving this by changing some of the vocabulary, re-ordering the words; remember to change the punctuation accordingly.
MATHEMATICS PRIORITY TARGETS	WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can recognise and use thousandths and relate them to tenths, hundredths and decimal equivalents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write and then read a range of decimal numbers. Ask your child to read the numbers as follows: 25.348 (two tens, five units, three tenths, four hundredths and eight thousandths). Point to different digits to check that your child can understand the value of the number. As you move further away from the decimal point, the value of each number decreases. Imagine a chocolate bar. Assuming you like chocolate, picture breaking it into ten pieces (each piece would be $\frac{1}{10}$, one tenth, of the bar). Now imagine breaking it into one thousand pieces (each piece would be $\frac{1}{1000}$, one thousandth, of the bar) – you would be lucky to get a small crumb of chocolate in this instance! Four thousandths would be written as 0.004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use rounding to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, levels of accuracy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils can practise their rounding skills by logging onto Mathletics. Rounding numbers enables us to estimate answers. For example, if we were to calculate 68.9×3.8 we could round these numbers to 70×4. As we know from our times tables that 7×4 is 28, 70×4 is ten times larger so the answer must be 280. This helps us to check the accuracy of our answers to more precise calculations. Your child's teacher can talk through examples of rounding with you; how we determine whether to round up or down and the digit used to inform this (five or more rounds up).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can multiply and divide whole numbers and those involving decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the place value chart at the bottom of page 115 of the Pupil Planner to explore \times and \div by 10 and 100. If you would like further guidance on exploring this concept with your child, please talk to their class teacher who can show you how they explain these concepts in school. If your child logs onto Mathletics, there are many activities for this topic under 'place value'. <p>In addition, your child should know all of their times tables by the end of Year 4. This means, by Year 5, they should be experienced in using these facts to support calculations. If your child does not know all of their times tables, this must be your priority. Practise these at home, sing them using the songs on Mathletics, walk to and from school practising them. We find that pupils who do not have confident recall of these facts fall further behind in their mathematics.</p>

A very warm welcome to Year 5 at Whitehall Junior School where 'happiness is at the heart of our learning'.