



# Vigo Primary School

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## Welcome to the Summer Term of Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. The nicer weather is on its way; We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter break with your families. We are continuing to wear uniforms excellently across year five and we are grateful for your support with this. If you are struggling with this, please see you child's teacher. Please ensure all children's clothes are named.

### **The start of the school day**

Timings are still the same this term. We start at 08:35 and end at 15:15. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please ensure that they have made sure all the children are safe before you approach them. All names should be up to date on the collections list, if you would like to add someone, please speak to a member of the office staff. If you would like your child to walk and be collected anywhere other than the classroom door, permission can be signed in the school office.

### **Curriculum**

This term, our year-group is diving deep into the Greeks, with a particular focus on their culture and lifestyle. Your children will engage in various activities, including creative projects, discussions, and even some role play, to enhance their understanding of this vital moment in history. In Summer 2, within Geography, the children will be engaging in an exciting practical fieldwork study about the features of local river. We are also going to be exploring Space in science and have a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience a 3D planetarium experience of our solar system in school. Our trip to Oxford Natural History Museum will also be taking place focusing on both our science and history learning throughout the year. We are enhancing the children's PDL curriculum by exploring relationships and what this looks like from an online safety viewpoint. We then cover 'our changing selves' diving into how our body's change throughout puberty and beginning to explore sex education specifically looking at conception in Summer 2. We encourage you to discuss what they learn at home – it's a delightful way to further solidify their knowledge and spark their curiosity.

### **What children should have in school each day**

Please ensure all children have a named water bottle in school each day, they will be able to refill them during the day and then take them home to be washed. They should not bring any toys, fidgets, notebooks or pencil cases – these will be supplied for them.

### **PE**

Additionally, we would like to remind you that Physical Education (PE) lessons will take place every Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the appropriate kit on these days (black shorts or jogger and a white tee-shirt) and suitable footwear. They may wear a plain back hoodie or school jumper on cold days. It is essential for them to participate fully and enjoy the benefits of physical activity.

### **Forest School**

We will continue to rotate Forest School Sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. We ask that for Forest School session children wear long sleeves and trousers with appropriate footwear such as boots or wellies. We will go out in all weathers so please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with a spare change of clothes in their bag in case they get wet or dirty.





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**Costa Rica:** No session this term

**Jamaica:** Summer 1

**USA:** Summer 2

## Healthy Snack and Lunchboxes

Children need to bring into school a healthy snack, for example: fruit, crackers and NUT-FREE cereal bars for breaktime. Please can those bringing a packed lunch from home ensure there is a healthy balance of food and a separate drink.

We find children are more able to concentrate on their learning when they have a healthy diet and remain hydrated throughout the day. Please do not send your children into school with fruit of fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. Some ideas can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

## Home learning

Children should be reading at home, and be being read to at least 3-times per week. We recommend 15 minutes per time, with some questions about what you have read after. Please then record this in your child's reading log. You can also use your Collins "Big-Cat" login to read online as there are many books available through this portal.

Spellings will also be sent home to practice each term based on the curriculum word list for year 5. Please work with your child to learn these spellings a minimum of three times a week. You could use the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check method.

Times tables are also essential in all maths. Your child has a Times Table Rockstar login which they would benefit from completing a few times a week.

## What to do if you have any worries or concerns

If you have any immediate or urgent concerns about your child or any queries about school administration (e.g. replying to a letter, reporting your child ill or any finance and payment enquiries) please contact the school office on 01264 365166.

If you have any non-urgent learning or personal and social concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with a class teacher, please contact the office or catch the teachers at the end of the school day at pick-up. If you have a more serious concern that you cannot approach your class teacher about, please contact the Year 5 lead also via the school office.

Mornings are a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for the school day ahead so we would ask parents to please avoid trying to speak with them at that time. You all have Dojo logins, however, please note that this is not a way to communicate with your child's teacher as any messages sent through this portal will not be answered.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out.

Yours truly,

The Year 5 Team

Mr Burdock, Mrs Spencer-Busby, Mrs Woodward

