

Our Whitwell meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November.

Your child's targets are given to them in lessons and they work on these daily.

I'm looking forward to an exciting term! Please feel free to come and see me for any queries. On a Wednesday after school until 3:30, I will be available in our classroom.

Thank you,

Mrs Verney



Welcome to Gorilla Class!



Autumn Term 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to Gorilla class! I hope you all had a relaxing and fun filled summer and are ready for another year of learning. There will be a range of adults working with Year 5 this year including:

Mrs Verney; after 4 years in Year 2, I am enjoying the change to Year 5 and feel very lucky to have such a wonderful class for a second year! I'm looking forward to seeing how all the children have grown as we explore more challenging ideas and concepts together. I love to travel and enjoy long distance running so I can't wait to get stuck into PE and the mile a day this year.

Mrs Sykes; always on hand to listen to worries, Mrs Sykes will be with Gorillas 4 days a week. She enjoys supporting the children in lessons and particularly likes the challenges of Year 5 maths. Her favourite pastimes are dragging her children around on long walks and bike rides and enjoying a chocolate treat!

Mrs Clayphan; after a relaxing (!) summer in Australia with her new granddaughter Mrs Clayphan is delighted to be back with the same class. Here every morning, she is our resident knitting and crafting expert. When she isn't busy keeping the classroom in order, she can be found tending to the fruits and vegetables in the school garden.

Mrs Stannett; here each afternoon, Mrs Stannett loves listening to the children and providing nurturing support in the class. She loves being in the sun and is always ready to offer a smile.

We're going to have a busy, fun-packed year squeezing in a great deal of learning! To support with your child's learning at home please:

Read with your child and discuss the thoughts of the characters and the author's decision to include different events and language. Please ensure your child has their homework diary (completed daily with reading and ideally signed weekly by an adult) and reading book in school every day.

Help with homework and spellings that are sent home. Your child will be given English and Maths homework books which will be sent home on Fridays highlighted with the relevant page to complete related to their learning in class that week. These will need to be returned the following Wednesday. In addition to this, your child will bring home their spellings ready for testing each week.

Encourage full understanding of times tables (speedy recall of these is essential to their maths learning). Your child can use times tables rock stars to help them with this.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day (as timetables change with the weather!) and that all items are labelled and clean. PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Please could you also ensure your child has their hair tied back if long and earrings/jewellery removed on these days. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school at all times.

Please find enclosed the topic web for this term. I hope this provides some insight into what the children will be learning.