



Welcome to Year 5

at *South End
Junior School*

*Class of
2022*

Inspiring the Learning Journey

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*A welcome for
parents and carers of
Y5 pupils*

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I am both relieved and excited to be welcoming your children back to SEJ this September. After a difficult few months apart, it is time to provide familiarity and routine for the children. Of course, there will be a mixture of emotions in the air as we adjust to the necessary changes to maintain safety for everybody, and we will nurture those both sensitively and empathetically, but we just want everybody back where they should be.

When moving to Year 5, the children are entering their first year in South End Junior's 'Upper Hub' and a step nearer to secondary school. It is our aim to equip the children with tools to further develop their independence as learners and skills for life, which they can apply to a variety of situations. As a year team, we endeavour to do this by providing exciting learning opportunities and having high expectations of the children in terms of behaviour and learning. Our experience strongly suggests that pupils who are hardworking, resilient and positive are successful and make vast strides of progress. Like you, we too are striving for every child to reach their full potential and will continually review our approach to ensure maximum success.

Since the launch of our new 'Cornerstones' curriculum in January, much of the learning is planned and taught in an 'interwoven' way so that the children become more 'hooked' into the learning from the start through making meaningful connections. In response to the period of school closure, we have needed to adapt our intended curriculum but we will still be teaching a broad curriculum through our creative projects. You can find our intended curriculum overview for this year on the last page.

Throughout the year, staff in Year 5 will work very closely to ensure that all of the children get the most out of their time in Year 5, providing them with happy memories and feeling proud of their achievements. We cannot express how important the home-school relationship is, and would like to emphasise the fact that you are always welcome to contact us if you have questions or concerns regarding your child or their learning. It is important that the children see a united front between us as staff and you - their family. To protect both you and us in the current climate, we ask that you either call the school office (on 01933 314611) and leave a message for the relevant teacher to call you back, or use the email address below to make direct contact with your child's class teacher.

Mrs Lewis (Da Vinci & Y5 leader)	slewis7@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Miss Buckley (Archimedes)	ebuckley@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Mr Carter (Engelbart)	gcarter@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and celebrating their successes.

Mrs Suzanne Lewis
Y5 Director of Learning

A NOTE ON PENCIL CASES AND STATIONERY

To reduce the risk of transmitting Covid-19, pupils will not be able to share stationery items until further notice and must all have their own pencil case and necessary items in order to learn. To prevent the cost falling on parents/ carers, we have provided every pupil with the required pens, pencils, rulers, eraser, sharpener, scissors, highlighter, drywipe pen, whiteboard and set of colouring pencils - all individually named. You can appreciate that this swallowed up a large chunk of our budget so we would be very grateful if you too could speak with your child about the importance of looking after their belongings and keeping them safe please. We have a small number of replacements but if a child were to continually lose items provided, we would need to ask they bring the necessary stationery items from home. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Meet the Year 5 team



Mrs Lewis
Director of Learning



Miss Buckley
Archimedes teacher



Mr Carter
Engelbart teacher



Mrs Shortland
Teaching assistant



Mrs Vincent
Teaching assistant



Mrs Tarr
Teaching assistant



Mrs Curry
Teaching assistant



Miss Davis
Teaching assistant



Mrs Davidson
Teaching assistant



Mrs Twell
RE teacher



Mrs Webb
Music teacher



Mrs Bird
French teacher and
Teaching assistant

PE

Pupils have two timetabled PE lessons per week and will also engage in 'Daily Mile' sessions. Pupils must bring a clean, full PE kit to school every Monday and will be instructed to take it home for washing every Friday. In the interests of safety in the current situation, we will do PE outside as much as possible and in most weathers, so please ensure your child has joggers and a sweatshirt/ hoodie in their PE bag alongside their shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

Jewellery

For reasons of safety, only stud earrings and watches may be worn at school by pupils. In PE lessons, all jewellery must be removed by the pupil.

Year 5 Curriculum Overview

In response to the period of school closure, we have adapted our planned curriculum with the aim to provide time to tackle any gaps in core skills but still deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that is compliant with the National Curriculum. Every day, pupils will have an English and a maths lesson that will be planned to cater for their exact needs at that moment in time plus supplementary short-burst sessions to further cater for reading, spelling, handwriting and times tables. In addition, all pupils will take part in science, PE, PSHE, computing, geography, history, RE, art, DT, music and French lessons. Where possible and beneficial, these subjects are taught through 'projects' to show connections and give purpose to the learning. Below are our planned curriculum projects for this academic year (subject to change in response to pupils' needs). We will send you a more detailed overview, including a knowledge organiser, as each project begins so that you are aware of what we are teaching and how you can support your child's learning.

Project 1: Stargazers	Exploring space is probably the greatest adventure that humankind has ever undertaken. Are we alone? Or are there other life forms out there?
Project 2: Off With Her Head!	What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history.
Project 3: Alchemy Island	It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island. Can you find the gold hidden deep within the island's mysterious landscape?
Project 4: Sow, Grow and Farm	This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.
Project 5: Beast Creator	A bug, a creepy-crawly, a beast. He'll tickle your skin then go in for the sting. Arachnids, insects, molluscs and myriapods, hiding in nooks and beneath darkened rocks. Come search for these minibests, and let's sort them out.

Home learning

Home learning will be set every week for Year 5 pupils and those who participate will not only be rewarded through House Points and Merits, but will reap the benefits of regular practice and revision of skills that are needed across curriculum areas and in many walks of life:

- **Reading:** Your child should read on a daily basis for at least 30 minutes and record this in their reading record. Parents are asked to sign the reading record on a Sunday to confirm the reading home learning that has taken place that week.
- **Times tables:** For optimum progress, pupils should play on TT Rockstars for at least 3 minutes every day. This can be accessed at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>. There is also a downloadable app for mobile devices. All pupils have a log on to TT Rockstars.
- **Spelling:** A set of statutory spelling words and a spelling pattern focus (with examples) will be sent home every fortnight in your child's home learning spelling book so that they can practise them. This will normally be on a Monday. They will also be able to practise these online using the Spelling Shed website (<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>) and the log on details provided to them. These spellings will be tested the following Monday.
- **Arithmetic:** Every Wednesday, pupils will take home a small set of maths arithmetic questions in their home learning arithmetic book to complete. These will focus on skills from across Key Stage 2 and will always rehearse a skill that has been taught in school, with the aim of improving accuracy and speed. Teachers will work through the answers to these with pupils the following Wednesday.