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Dear Children and Parents in Year 5 from September 2023,

Children in Key Stage 2 (KS2) are expected to be more independent and to take ownership of their learning and belongings.

In addition, here is some key information about routines and expectations in Year 5:

- 1) WATER-BOTTLE: It is important that children keep hydrated and drink water regularly through the day. Please provide your child with a water-bottle and ensure this is clearly named and only ever filled with water.
- **2) LEARNING PACK:** We will provide your child with a learning pack containing a pencil, glue stick, scissors, ruler, whiteboard and pen and a green pen which they will keep at school. Please discourage your child from bringing in a pencil case as these are expensive and occupy too much space in chair bags.
- **3) FRUIT:** We strongly recommend that children in KS2 children bring a piece of fruit from home for a midmorning snack. This should be stored in their chair bag to be eaten outside at playtime.

4) HOME LEARNING:

Creative Task - These tasks are set half termly.

Spellings - The children will bring home a set of 15 words, these words will be sent home on a Thursday and the children will have two weeks to work on them before taking part in a 'low-stakes' test in class where we will also look at the other words that they have gathered.

Reading - The children are expected to read regularly and record their reading in their planners which need to be signed by an adult weekly.

Maths - Year 5 have tasks set on MyMaths and are also encouraged to take part in the TTRS battles. More detailed information about home learning will be provided at the start of the Autumn Term.

- 5) PE KIT: The children are expected to wear their full PE kit to school on PE days.
- **6) PLANNER:** We will provide all pupils with a planner that can be used to keep track of their reading and home learning. Parents can also pass messages to the teachers via the planner, but as the teachers do not check the planners daily, the child must make the teacher aware if there is a message to be read.
- **7) BACKPACK:** All children in KS2 are permitted to bring a Langshott backpack to school; they no longer need to bring a book bag. The backpacks can be purchased from the uniform supplier www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk. Other bags are not allowed in school.
- **8) CHAIR BAG:** As children in KS2 are expected to be responsible for their own belongings, we are encouraging all children to have a chair bag, as shown in the picture. We feel this is an excellent way of helping the children to keep their desk space free from clutter, especially as they do not have desk drawers. This will sit on the back of each child's chair and be their own personal bag that they will name and take with them year on year as they move up through the school. This can be purchased via Scopay at a price of £11.25.



From your Teachers - Miss Wesson and Miss Buchan

We are really looking forward to an exciting year with you where we will cover lots of exciting topics, including: Space, Forces, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Recycling and Sustainability. As you move into Year 5 and upper Key Stage 2, we will expect to see you being more independent, please make sure that you have read the advice above and you have everything you need in school every day. We cannot wait for you to join us in Year 5.

Until then, if you have any questions, please feel free to email <u>info@langshott.surrey.sch.uk</u> or speak to a member of the Leadership Team. Have a wonderful Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in September for a fantastic year together.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team