



Shorne CE Primary School
Year 5 2022/23 Learning Letter
July 2022



Welcome to Year 5 and Panda class!

Hello from us all. We are so much looking forward to a brand-new year in Pandas. You will find in this letter some important information about next year, as well as some activities you may wish to complete with your child over the summer.

The class teachers are Mr Mallinson, Mrs Bath and Mrs Goodger.

Mr Mallinson will be teaching Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs Bath will be teaching Thursdays, and Friday mornings.

Mrs Goodger will be teaching on Friday afternoons.

Important Dates

Thursday 1st September
2022 – first day back at
school for children.

Thursday 15th September -
Parent Welcome meeting

School Values

Over the past academic year, we have reviewed our school values to ensure they reflect our aspirations for all the children at Shorne. Our new Christian values are: **Respect, Community and Resilience**. These will form the basis of our collective worship for the first few weeks of the first academic term, and each value will be linked to two Bible stories that will be shared with all families and the children in September.



School Curriculum

As a school, we will be moving over to the Quigley Essentials Curriculum and the White Rose Maths Curriculum from September. Further details regarding subject content and class timetables will be shared with you at the welcome meeting in September.

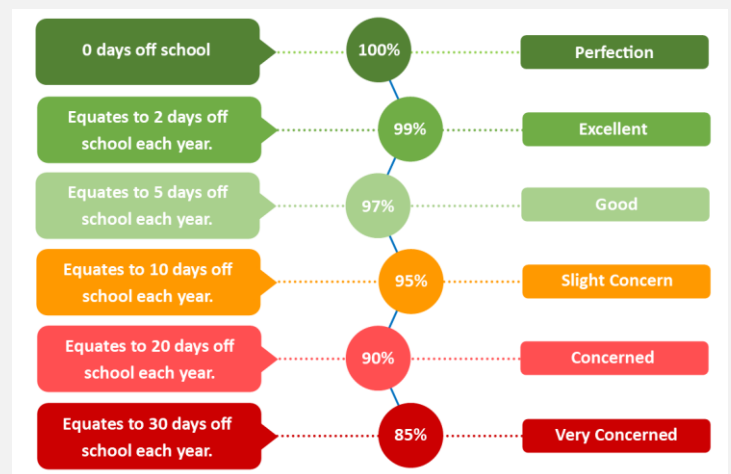
Classroom

Pandas will have a new 'Year 5' classroom in September, as we will be moving into the current Year 3 classroom. We are sure (and are hoping) it won't take us long to get used to the new location but we will of course be on hand to ensure pick up is from the right door!

As before, the children will come into the classroom in morning via the external door and be expected to complete early morning work activities or challenges relating to their learning. At home time, we will see the children out of the classroom from the external classroom door. The children will only be allowed to leave the classroom if we can see the adult who is collecting them. For safeguarding purposes, please let us know via ClassDojo if someone different from usual will be collecting your child. Regarding Classdojo, the class move up after the end of term, so we will be able to contact you direct, and you us, from the beginning of term.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is of the utmost importance; it directly impacts on pupil wellbeing and achievement. Pupil attendance is closely monitored, and we expect pupils to attend for the entirety of their school offering during term time. The national expectation for pupil attendance is 96% and above. If your child's attendance drops below this, support systems will be put in place to help. Do note that holidays in term time are not permitted. Please also ensure that your child is at school on time and by 8:50am at the latest – this is when the school gates close. Please read our Attendance Policy, which outlines out procedures relating to pupil absence, for more information.



Illness



We appreciate that from time-to-time, children do suffer from illness. If your child is unwell, please consider carefully the necessity to keep them off from school. Please visit the NHS Live Well website to support you with this decision: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Please make medical/ dental appointments outside school time where possible. If your child has ongoing health issues, the school we be aware and will work with families to support the child's health alongside their school attendance.

What does your child need to bring to school in September?

Whilst we know that most children love a pencil case, they do not need to bring them in to school, as we have all the resources they need. What they do need to bring, however, is their full PE kit (details of this are on our website), a water bottle and a positive attitude!

Reading

The children will continue to use Accelerated Reader (AR), which is designed to help and support children's comprehension skills alongside their reading skills. Not long after our return in September, the children will undertake a Star Reader Test. Further information about this, how we plan to use AR and our expectations will be shared as part of the September welcome meeting.



Your child will receive their Reading Record book in Term 1 – a reminder to please fill this in each time your child reads to you or with you at home, and we will fill it in at school too as the children will have many opportunities over the weeks to read to an adult.

Fancy a challenge over the summer? Why not take on the **Summer Reading Challenge** – details are below.

Kent Test, Medway Test, specific Grammar School tests

During Year 5, children can be entered for one or more of the above tests. The application window is normally between 1st June and 30th June each year. We will confirm the exact dates nearer the time. Do note that it is a parental obligation to enter your child for these tests as the school cannot do this. We ask that you carefully consider whether a grammar school is in the best interests of your child and will of course provide you the opportunity to discuss your child's aptitude and attainment prior to the time you need to make a decision.

Activities available for children over the summer holidays

Sumdog for Spelling and Mathematics

Parents can sign up to access an online program called 'Sumdog' for free over the summer holidays! Sumdog is a fun and free online resource that supports mathematics and spelling. You can sign up for a free trial on <https://www.sumdog.com/en/parents/>. Please note, you will need to add payment details but it is free all summer, and you will receive an email notification to cancel.



Summer Reading Challenge!

All children can access the Summer Reading Challenge, a national competition led by libraries. There are 2 ways to participate:

1. Visit your local library to collect a Gadgeteers pack for your child. Set a goal to read over the summer (6 books is the recommended goal). Borrow and read books (including eBooks and audiobooks) from the library to read. Children can collect incentives from the library for each book they read, and if they complete their goal, they receive a certificate and medal as a reward from the library for taking part.
2. Sign up online at: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. Set a personal reading goal and receive tips for accessing books for free at home. Log books read online on your child's personal profile, and 'unlock' incentives and an online certificate.



Other things to do this summer in Kent and Medway

Here are some ideas, both free and paid for, that may be useful for summer and beyond!

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/places-to-go/kent/>

<https://www.visitmedway.org/visit-medway-blog/unique-and-unforgettable-days-out-in-medway/>