

# Autumn Term 2022

## Important Dates

**Wednesday 14th September 2.45** - Meet the Teacher Y5  
**Friday 30th September 9:30am** - PTA coffee morning  
**Wednesday 5th October 2:45pm** - KS2 Harvest assembly  
**Wednesday 12th October 9:05am** - Reading with parents  
**Monday 17th October** - Years 5 and 6 Parent information evening 6.45pm–8pm  
**Friday 14th October** - Black History day  
**Friday 21st October** - RE day  
**24th–28th October** - Half term  
**31st October** - INSET DAY  
**2nd November** - Well-being week  
**4th November** - PTA fireworks  
**8th/9th November** - Parent consultations  
**Friday 11th November** - Final of house science quiz  
**13th December** - KS2 Christmas lunch  
**15th December** - KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)  
**20th December 9am** - Volunteer coffee  
**20th December** - Northgate's Got talent  
**21st December** - Break the Rules Day  
**21st December 2pm** - Term ends



## Trips / Events/ Workshops Term

**Monday 12th September** : Evacuee day  
IWM Duxford- tbc



## Drop Off / Pick Up

Gates open in the morning at 8.45am.  
The school day ends at 3.15pm. Please collect your child from their class teacher on the KS2 playground.

## Welcome to Year 5

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a wonderful summer. The year 5 team are excited to get to know your children. This year the class teachers are: Mrs Davies and Miss Snaterson (class 9) and Miss Cotterell (class 10). Mrs Morgan and Mrs Lilywhite will be supporting the children in class.

If you need to get in contact with us: we check non urgent messages via the class email addresses twice a week, your child can bring in a note or you can see us in the playground at pick up time. If you have specific information for that day it is best to contact the office who will notify us.

### Class emails:

[class9@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:class9@northgate.herts.sch.uk)

[class10@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:class10@northgate.herts.sch.uk)

If you wish to send in a mid-morning snack for break-time, please send in something healthy like a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit - sweets, chocolate items, crisps or nuts are not allowed. Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle which should be clearly labelled.

## Topic

Our first topic is A Child's War. In this topic, the children will be learning all about the events leading up to and during World War II. They will be building their own model Anderson Shelters, writing their own wartime stories. In science, we will be learning about states of matter and materials. The children will take part in many experiments looking at properties of materials and reversible and irreversible changes.

After half term, our topic will be Time Traveller. In this topic, the children will be learning how the local area has changed over time. In art, they will be learning observational drawing using perspective and looking at the artist Metzinger.

## Maths



This term children will be working on numbers up to 1,000,000. They will continue learning formal written methods alongside mental strategies. Lessons will have a variety of arithmetic and fluency practice as well as problem solving and reasoning activities. Children are expected to recall times tables facts up to 12 x 12.

## PE Kit

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. They will wear their kit for the whole day.

Warm weather—green shorts, white t-shirt and trainers

Cold weather—green shorts, white t-shirt, trainers and a green tracksuit.



## Home Learning

A school library book will be taken home daily. Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes at least 3 times a week and discuss content with an adult. Another library book may be chosen to keep in school during the week. Age appropriate books from home may be brought in to read.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis. Spelling scores are recorded in the home learning book each week by the pupils.

Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis.

Maths and English tasks are sent home on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books in a blue pen or pencil.

Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home instead of English.

These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each.



## Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including: Letters from the Lighthouse, The Lion and the Unicorn and The Nowhere Emporium which are linked to this term's topics.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books in your child's weekly guided reading session. In school, children may read school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home.

Please listen to your child read and discuss the text at least three times per week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text.



If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.