

Dear Year 5 parents/carers,

A warm welcome back and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are excited to start this new academic year and hope you and your child enjoys the year ahead with us at Darlinghurst Academy.

Our year group leader in year 5 is Mrs Powell. Teaching staff are Mrs Stevens and Mrs Bermon. Our support staff are Miss Daly, Mrs Cooper and Miss Harlow. We would like to welcome new children to the year group: Matthew Hawkins.

We start the year off with our topic 'Mysterious Materials'. We will be learning all about different types of materials, solids, liquids, gases and reversible and irreversible changes. One of the highlights of this topic will be to carry out scientific experiments and create our own new products by changing different materials. This wow moment will further support and enrich the learning within our topic this term. Our curriculum overview map, which can be found on each classroom noticeboard and on the website, will include further details.

<http://darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum>

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, we will have daily maths, writing and reading/phonics lessons, including discrete sessions on mental maths, times tables, grammar, spelling and handwriting. Specialist sessions PE, Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning are built into our broad and balanced curriculum and we ensure that all of our children have access to specialist provision. PE day will be on Fridays. **However, children should have their kit in school every day;** this should consist of: plimsolls or trainers, a school logo blue t-shirt, school logo black shorts, school logo blue jogging bottoms and jumper. **Please ensure that all items in the kit are clearly labelled. Earrings must not be worn on days when your child has P.E. Shoulder/long hair needs to be tied up for P.E. sessions.**

Children in Year 5 will have weekly lessons in Spanish and children will have many opportunities to practice basic Spanish phrases on a regular basis – please ask them to share their new learning with you. You can follow our learning via News and Views, twitter and the website.

We recognise the importance of home learning and encourage all children to practise their times tables, spellings and reading at home frequently in order to develop and rehearse core skills. Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or year group leader via the office, email (mrspowell@darlinghurst.co.uk) or in person.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards
The Year 5 Team