



Year 4 and 5

Warren Tribe 2025/2026

Miss Govey and Mason

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and welcome back! We had an amazing first week back, settling in, learning routines and creating “the vibe for our tribe”! The autumn term is such a special one – a clean slate, new friends and fresh starts leading up to our wonderful Christmas celebrations.

**Project** Our project for this term is a history topic “Stone Age to Iron Age’. We will be learning about the changes in hunting, gathering and farming and comparing prehistoric tools. Also, we will look at the significance of Stonehenge and learning about life as an Iron Age villager.

**Reading** We will have regular quiet reading sessions, so please make sure children have their diaries and books in their bags **every day**. Please, please, wherever possible, read with your child everyday at home. It is the single thing which makes a MASSIVE difference to their confidence, achievement and ability to access learning in the classroom- even when they are in Year 4 and 5!



#### **Times Tables Check**

In June, all Year 4 children will take part in the Statutory Times Tables Check, which assesses fluency and recall of multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . Although this may seem far away, I wanted to make you aware now so you can continue supporting your child’s recall of times tables at home. In the classroom Mr Davey will be carrying out times table tests for certificates every Friday morning.

**Swimming** Many children will continue to swim this term to ensure they reach the National Curriculum requirements and are safe for not only the water activities on the Year 6 residential but through their whole life.

**Where has all the SMART LEARNING gone? At GEPS we don't have homework! However, we are SMART and do take responsibility for our learning.**

#### **Non-negotiables for year four and five:**

1. Daily, recorded reading
2. Daily spelling practise

Six words are set and tested weekly and introduced on Monday. These are set by year group. However, some pupils may require a separate list if they have yet to meet KS1 spelling expectations.

3. SMART Apps

4. Daily times table practise- working towards bronze, silver and gold awards.

**SMART** Please remember to make use of the SMART apps for which we pay the children's subscriptions. DoodleLearning has four separate apps: DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables. The children's DoodleLearning login is the same for all the apps, and they're all great to help fill any gaps. We will be celebrating children who are in the green zone on their DoodleLearning every Friday as an extra incentive to be SMART!

Pupils in the Warren have the opportunity to complete at least one of their doodles in the classroom each morning, As a tribe we agreed we would do the other/s during our smart learning at home. Children who use Doodle every day for 6 weeks can make 2 years progress in the subject. There is a 100% correlation between children who do their apps daily at home for the whole of KS2 and those pass their SATs with no stress!

The children's Oddizzi login is thewarren and the password is the same. Oddizzi is fantastic for world knowledge and geography quizzes! They can also use TT Rockstars to practise their timetables too.

Please feel free to message through Dojo at any time if you'd like to discuss an issue, pass on a message or simply get a quick update or update me!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Miss Sam Govey, Mason and the warren adult tribe

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