



Welcome to Macaws Class  
Year 5



## Staff

- Dr. Clark (Monday-Wednesday)
- Mrs Woodward (Thursday-Friday)
- Miss Savident (am)
- Mrs Pitt (Mon – Thurs am)
- Mrs North (pm – not Thurs)

# What does my child need in school?

Children need to have a pencil case in school containing:

- HB pencils
- pencil sharpener
- glue stick
- rubber
- scissors
- ruler
- whiteboard pen
- blue handwriting pen (not biro, not rubbable)
- purple pen

They may also bring their own colouring pencils if they would like to.

The Class 6 Stationary Shop will be open for business every week.

Please also bring: a named water bottle, healthy snack for break (a piece of fruit or vegetable) and a reading book.



# Homework



- Homework will be set on Fridays to be handed in on the following Friday.
- There will be weekly maths homework – usually a Mathematics tasks.
- There will be weekly spelling homework - children will receive a paper copy.
- Personalised high frequency spellings will be sent home at the end of the week. We will learn these in school, but it would also help enormously if these could also be practised and learnt at home.

*Homework is a great opportunity to practice skills that have been taught in school, helping to build confidence and competence.*

*It is very important that you are positive and encouraging. Please don't over pressurise your child to succeed as this can undermine their self-confidence. We would much prefer a child who is confident to 'have a go' than one who is so worried about being wrong that they are afraid to try.*

*In class, we very much promote the importance of having a growth mindset, praising effort and resilience. "I can't do it...yet!"*

# What are we learning about this term?

- **Mathematics:** Covering a range of skills including place value, rounding and comparing numbers, negative numbers, consolidating written methods using the four operations, interpreting graphs/tables and measuring area and perimeter.
- **English:** Covering a range of writing skills including vocabulary and descriptive techniques, sentence structure, grammar and punctuation. Also building on reading and comprehension skills.
- **History:** Baghdad and Anglo-Saxon Britain
- **Geography:** Water cycle – ‘Why is California so thirsty?’ and ‘Oceans’
- **Science:** Properties of materials and Forces.
- **PE:** Coach Mason (sports coach) on a Thursday morning (wear PE kits and bring uniform) and a Friday afternoon, with Mrs Woodward (wear uniform and bring PE kits).

Please see the year 5 termly overview for more detail.

# Topics after Christmas:

## Spring Term

History: Vikings 1 and Norse Culture

Geography: Migration and North and South America

## Summer Term

History: Vikings 2

Geography: The Amazon





## Trips and events

- Trips TBC (possibilities: star gazing/observatory, history workshops)
- Crawley mosque visit –cost coach £15 Could this be done with parental help? Please let us know if you have a DBS and would be happy to drive.



## Behaviour

Where possible, we encourage good behaviour by focussing on, and rewarding, positive choices.

- Rewards (for example, Dojos, Values Champion, merit stickers, stickers, class rewards, visit to Mrs Thorp) are used to reinforce positive behaviour, which is in turn linked to our school values – courage, creativity, compassion, curiosity, challenge.
- Reading Raffle tickets are awarded to children for reading related achievements.
- Serious / repeated negative behaviour is reported to parents and recorded on the school system. In this instance, we would work closely with parents to decipher possible causes of the behaviour and strategies to best support with this.

Reading

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# Reading



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Teach a child to read and keep them reading and  
we change everything. And I mean,  
**EVERYTHING!**

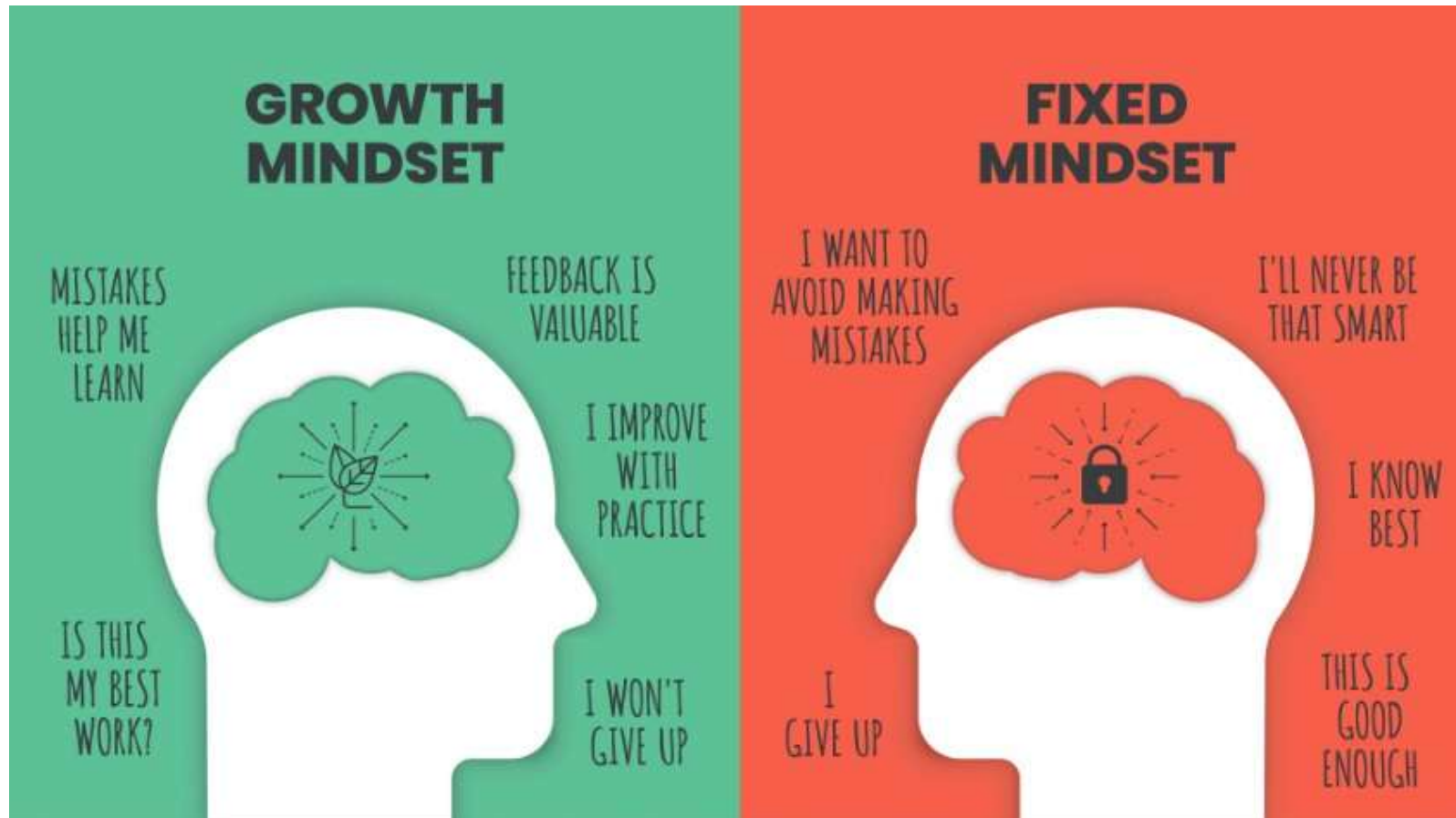
Ruth Miskin



## Reading

- Regularly read with your child at home.
- Build up fluency / skim reading at home to answer basic comprehension questions quickly.
- Spend time exploring vocabulary. Ask: Do you know what this word means? Can you think of other words with a similar meaning?
- Reading records will be checked every Friday. Please keep a record of your child's reading at home and sign to confirm.
- Any children who read 4 times, or more, in a week will be rewarded with a reading raffle ticket.

# Everyone can learn



# Attendance



Statistics show that children who have an attendance level of 95% and above are far more likely to achieve academic success than those with poor attendance who tend to fall behind in their learning. Across the school year:

$\frac{1}{2}$  day missed every week or 1 day a fortnight = 90% attendance by the end of the year

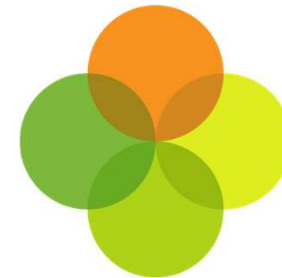
1 day missed every week = 80% attendance

1 school year at 90% attendance = **4 whole weeks** of lessons missed.

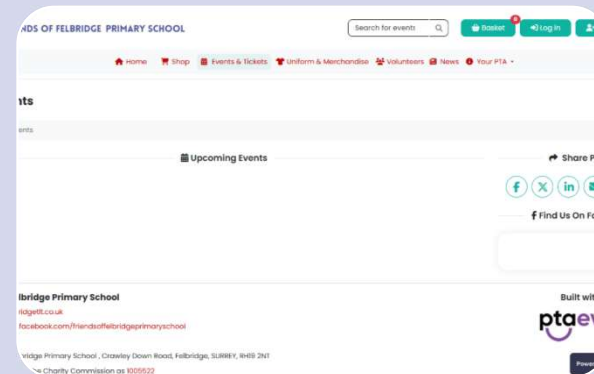
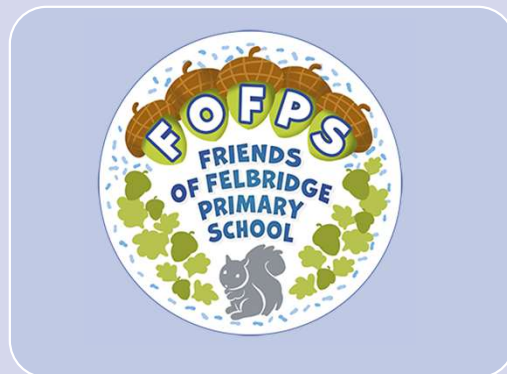
1 school year at 80% attendance = **8 whole weeks** of lessons missed.

*We know there are some children for whom absence is unavoidable. Don't send genuinely sick children to school and don't forget the very important 48-hour NHS rules for sickness and diarrhoea.*

Communications:  
Don't forget to  
read the  
newsletter &  
download the  
Arbor App!



Arbor



Just for fun:  
@felbridgeschool  
On Facebook and Instagram.



Email them on:  
[friends@felbridgetlt.co.uk](mailto:friends@felbridgetlt.co.uk)

Join their WhatsApp community to keep up to date and  
volunteer if or when it suits you  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LcfWs13x6OXCING0kmbJi5>

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and the FoFPS website:  
[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/  
felbridgeprimarypta/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/felbridgeprimarypta/)





## Other reminders

- Please can everything be named.
- Healthy packed lunches please.
- Communication – all emails to the office.
- Please feel free to chat to us after school, any day – we are very friendly!
- To book a more formal chat, please contact the school office.

We are very much looking forward to Year 5 and hope everyone has a great year.