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Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parent,

Welcome back!

I would like to start by saying how impressed I have been with all the new Year 5 children this week. The children worked exceptionally hard in Year 4 and this year I have the same high standards in expectations in preparation for Year 6. I am confident that the children will continue to work with determination and perseverance.

As always, the Year 5 staff will be working to make sure the children learn in a fun and exciting way and we are looking forward to a number of special events that we are in the process of organising. Please remember that you do not have to wait until parents' evening to get in touch. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school life, our door is always open.

Our topics

Our topics this year include Rainforests (autumn), Space (spring) and Vikings (summer).

Our 'Wow question for the autumn term is *'What is Under the Canopy?'*

If you have any resources at home which you think could be useful to the children's learning please send them into school. We are currently in the process of arranging our trip for Autumn term which will complement our Rainforest topic. Further trips will be planned throughout the year in accordance with the Year 5 topics. More details will be sent to you soon.

Spellings

On Monday's children receive their weekly spellings; 10 from the NC statutory list and 10 which I have tailored according to the class' individual needs. It is recommended that they practise their spellings at least three times each week, ready for their spelling test on Friday.

Times tables

Children have received their log-in details for Times Tables Rockstars. They should be using the online app for fifteen minutes, three times weekly. If they are unable to access the app, let us know and we can provide paper-based copies.





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Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this term's 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children change their books weekly and they also have the opportunity to bring home a library book. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last year's reading parties were a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those weekly reads in!

Medical Concerns

Please ensure that the school has all up to date medical information needed for your child. If they have an inhaler or any other medication, then please check that these are 'in date' and in school. Over the course of the year we may have activities which involve children tasting food, cooking and baking. If your child has any allergies to food or ingredients, please make sure that we are aware of this.

We have a child in our class with an allergy to nuts so in line with school policy I would ask that children do not bring foods containing nuts into school as part of their break time snacks and packed lunches.

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit into school every day. This is a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts. PE is scheduled to take place on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. However, activities in other curriculum areas will require the wearing of PE kits. This term they will need both indoor and outdoor kit.

Homework

Homework in the Autumn Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat. Thank you,

Mr Bell





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