



Welcome to Class 5

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a restful holiday. This term we have lots of exciting things planned in class and are looking forward to our two new topics—Ancient Egyptians and Island Survival. We will continue to send homework books and spellings home on a Friday and will be providing opportunities for the children to regularly access our school library to change their reading books for pleasure. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact us!

General reminders about of the school week and the expectations of the children.

Physical Education

PE lessons this half term will continue to be on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit (including outdoor kit and trainers for when/if the weather allows outside PE) in school for these days. If your child wears stud earrings they must be either taped up or removed for PE.

Homework

Your child will continue to be given homework on a Friday and this is due in no later than the following Friday. Please continue to support your child's learning by encouraging them to complete their work as independently as possible.

All homework needs to be completed in your child's homework book. Any additional projects, related to our half termly topic, can be brought into school when completed to share with the class! Your child will be asked to complete the following each week:

Spellings and timetables

Spelling lists will be given weekly. Children will need to practise these spellings, the rule and a selection of tricky words, ready for their test the following Friday. They are expected to learn spelling patterns and rules in order to encourage independence in their writing. Please ensure that your child also understands the meanings of these words, especially the homophones.

Maths

Maths homework will be given each week which will either relate to the previous week's learning or consolidate existing skills. Throughout Year 5 your child will continue to practise their timetables. Please ensure that you continue to practise these at home as this will help improve their fluency and confidence.

Reading Records

Please help to foster a love of reading by encouraging your child to read at home. All children are expected to read their school book (banded by colour) at least 3 times a week but will also have a book of their choice from the library. The loss of a reading record comes at the cost of £2 and damaged/lost school books will also need to be replaced.

Spring 1

Ancient Egyptians

English - Instructions, non-chronological reports and newspaper reports.

Maths - multiplication and division, fractions.

Science - Forces and Investigation.

History - Ancient Egyptians.

RE - What would Jesus do?

Computing - We are architects.

French - months of the year, seasons, hobbies and sports.

Music - Our Community.

PE - Gymnastics and ball games.

Art - Sketching, landscape art and print.

PSHE— Safety first

Spring 2

Island Survival

English - stories from other cultures, recounts and letter writing.

Maths - Fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science - Properties and changes of materials.

History - Anglo-Saxons.

RE - What would Jesus do?

Computing - We are web developers.

French - food items and types of food.

Music - Keeping healthy.

PE - Dance and games

DT— Anglo-Saxon houses and villages.

PSHE— One world

Can we please remind parents that children should not bring in pop-its, toys or other items from home as we do not allow them in class and we don't want them to get lost or damaged.

We are both very proud of the excellent start that your children have made to year 5 and are looking forward to all the progress they will continue to make this term. Thank you for your continued support, once again if there are any questions, concerns or things that we can help with please do not hesitate to contact us!

Many thanks,

Mrs Morris and Miss Ticehurst