

Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

WELCOME!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year Break and are ready for the term ahead. We are excited to welcome your child back to Year 5. We run an open door policy so please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Year 5A Team

Miss Mittelholzer (Class Teachers)

Miss Sally-Ann (Teaching Assistants)

Year 5B Team

Ms Williamson

Miss Lesley

Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school every day and on time as this is strictly monitored throughout the school.



What we will be learning this term

Literacy: The focus this term will be on formal letters and persuasive texts in the form of brochures.

Maths: Our Maths focus will be on statistics and fractions.

Computing: Scratch projects

Science: Properties and changes of materials

RE: Buddhism.

History: The Tudors

Geography: Greece – Human and physical aspects.

DT: Greek cuisine

PE: Ballroom / Salsa and Country dancing

Music: Steel pans

Art: The Impressionists

MFL: Mandarin

PSHE: Going for goals and changes.

PE uniform:

Please note the school has uniform on sale. Please write your child's name on all their clothing - it helps enormously if they get lost or mixed up with another child's clothes! Please note we are not responsible for any lost items of clothing. We teach children to take full responsibility for their possessions. If for any reason clothing is lost, we endeavour to help locate it but we do not replace uniform of any kind (please see our lost property policy).

Home Learning

We will be working extremely hard in school and your support at home is **very important**. In an effort to continue to improve reading standards, we encourage the children to read every day for at least 20 minutes. Learning log homework is given out every Friday and is based on what the children have been learning or will be learning in class. We ask that you help your child be as creative as possible with their homework. All homework must be returned by **Wednesday of the following week**. Children are given weekly spellings and a focus times table to learn. These will be tested on Fridays. Homework is **not optional** and **MUST** be handed back on set days. Homework handed in on a day after this, will not be marked. If children are unable to complete their homework at home, an opportunity to do so will be provided during lunch or playtime.

PE: Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit on both days.

Library Visits: We will be visiting the library every fortnight and would gladly welcome any parents to help escort the children there and back. Please speak to class teachers if interested. Library trips will be in the mornings on:

Mondays for 5A and Tuesdays for 5B.

Websites and resources to help you and your child

Maths:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

History:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zcpf34j>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/viking/websites.html>

Science:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z4vv4wx/resources/1>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_life_cycles/read/1/

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/forces/read/1/

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=75>

Home time

Please collect children at 2.40pm each afternoon in the main playground unless they are staying for a club. If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child, please inform the Class Teacher or TA, and the office beforehand. **Staff are not allowed to release children to unauthorised individuals.** The person picking up your child must be 16 years or older. Any child not collected by 3pm will incur a charge of £5 for every hour or part of an hour.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thurs 8th Feb** - Class trip to Westminster Abbey
- **Friday 9th Feb** – Chinese New Year / Winter Ball.
- **HALF TERM: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018**
- **Wed 21st and Thurs 22nd Feb** – Target Setting Evening.
- **Wed 12th Mar** - Class Assembly 5A
- **Wed 19th Mar** – Class Assembly 5B
- **Thurs 29th Mar** – Easter Egg Hunt / End of Term.

Please be reminded that your child may take part in local visits; e.g. the library, short walks and day trips which occur from time to time during the school year. Children will always be fully supervised by adults during this time. This is included in your application form which parents have signed.



READING LOGS

The children have been given reading logs to keep a record of reading at home. Please can you sign and comment after you have listened to them read. Please ensure that this is done daily to support their development in reading. Reading logs and books should be brought into school every day.

NO PHONES

Due to child protection, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children.