

YEAR 5

at Whaplode Primary



HELLO AGAIN!

Autumn is well underway now and firstly, I would like to take this opportunity, to thank everyone who donated and helped at our Harvest Festival this year. It was fantastic to see so many donations and helpers!

MATHS

During this term, Year 5 will be continuing to deepen their understanding with data handling. This will be extending their place value knowledge and give them opportunities to apply addition and subtraction to solve multiple staged problems. Fridays will continue to be used to revisit previous learning, so children are continually practicing their skills and not forgetting hard fought gains.

ENGLISH

This subject is going to be split into two areas of focus. The first is going to be persuasive writing, where the children will link letter writing to their connections subject, Ancient Greece. The focus will be the battle of Marathon, where Greeks and Spartans joined forces against the Persians. The second is similarly linked, journalist writing. Here they will be reporters at the battle and write, design and produce a frontpage newspaper. Facts, description and recorded speech will be features they will have to include.

Name:

Reading:

Writing:

Maths:

TOPIC

Our topic/connections is still going strong, as we have English, art and history still planned to cover key elements from Ancient Greece.

SCIENCE

This term our focus for science will be the 'Earth and Space'. Children will learn in more detail what makes Earth special and where it sits within our universe. This will include studying our various rock types through to the orbits of our different planets.



PE AND SWIMMING

PE will continue to be on Friday afternoon's, however the decision of being outdoor or indoor, will be dependent on the weather. So could I ask that PE kits are with the guys on Fridays, making sure they have a sweater/tracksuit bottoms, as well as their coloured T-shirt please. Thank you. Swimming has now finished for the duration of this term but will resume again in the summer term.

HOMEWORK

The expectations from the school is that all children read, at least four times a week. What I am asking the children to then do, is write a paragraph on what they read. This will help them when they go to year 6, as they do the same.

Additionally, there are spellings, with their meanings, along with an element of spelling, grammar and punctuation, (which will have been taught in class, during the week). The spelling will then be tested on Friday, where they write the word and then incorporate it into a simple sentence.

Quick recall of times tables has been shown to increase children's success, so we do a speed test on Fridays too. This is an individual challenge, where they compete against their previous score. With this in mind, children have identified their own times table target and should practise their trickiest one.

APPEAL

The school is always looking for helpers that are interested in volunteering in our wonderful school, especially if they are perhaps considering a career in education.

If this is something you have or are considering, please speak to the office or a member of staff about coming in to help.

The Root to Food dish.



CONTACT

If you have any worries or would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me or the office, so an appointment can be made. Additionally, you can always talk to me in the play ground.