

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term One - World War 2



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after what was hopefully an enjoyable summer break and into Year 5. There is much to look forward to this term and I am very excited about continuing to work alongside you and your children. We have already established fantastic relationships and will continue to build on these throughout the next year. An exciting part of this year, is having a new classroom! In this newsletter, I have included some snap shots of what our

new learning environment is like!

In Year 5, the main teacher will be Miss Padley who will be enjoying teaching and learning alongside the children everyday. We are also especially lucky to have Mrs Chapman as our Teaching assistant, who will be using her knowledge and expertise, whilst teaching intervention for small groups.



As you will already be familiar with how things used to operate in Year 4, I wanted to bring to your attention some changes:

P.E. Now the children are in Year 5, they will be undertaking in a dance competition against other schools. In their P.E lessons leading up to Christmas, they will be learning routines for this. P.E will be on a Friday afternoon. We expect children to change for PE into the agreed clothing for each activity area in order to ensure safe participation during sessions. Your child's kit should be named and contain:

Indoor sessions: black Shorts, blue Tee - shirt and plimssols. Outdoor sessions: 'T' shirt or sweaters, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. If your child wears earrings for school could you please make sure that they are removed for P.E days as staff cannot remove them and this will result in your child missing their P.E lesson.

We are going to start the year as we mean to go on and there will be a slightly firmer approach towards homework, reading and spellings/tables.



Homework In Year 5, the children will continue to be given either maths or literacy homework on alternate weeks. Homework will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. Every Wednesday, a member of Year 5 staff will check that everyone has submitted a piece. Any child not completing this homework will spend their lunch time catching up on it. Any children who are finding difficulties with their homework, should speak to a member of Year 5 staff on Monday morning so we can assist them during Monday Lunchtime. Spellings and times tables will also be tested weekly and are also part of your child's weekly homework.

Reading Please continue to listen to your child read at home—pupils are expected to read for 20 minutes every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents

should sign their child's reading record each time they read. Year 5 staff will monitor reading and any child who hasn't read the expected amount will spend some of their break enjoying a book. We will also actively have a 'Reader of the week' to celebrate children's successes.

Spellings The children will enjoy 4 x 'Get Spelling' sessions weekly in School. Each week, these sessions will focus on a different spelling rule and children will partake in various activities in order to practice and apply the given rule. The children will then be given further spellings to take home and learn on a Monday, which follow this rule and they will be tested on the Friday. Any children obtaining low spelling results, will have to further practice any incorrect words in addition to their new ones. We will also actively have a 'Speller of the week' to celebrate children's successes.

Times tables. Times tables should be regularly practiced using 'TT Rockstars' or another appropriate method. As the children are in Year 5, it is nationally expected that they should be able to recall all of their times tables facts up to 12 x 12. The children will be given 3 x weekly tests following the School's policy.

Curriculum In Year 5, our topic for both Autumn 1 and Autumn 2 is 'World War 2' and as part of this the children will be starting with a WOW day. We will initially be learning about the outbreak of war and which countries were involved. We will then be learning about evacuees and writing our own diaries pretending to be a child who this effects. We will also explore The Battle of Britain and use our iPads to produce radio broadcasts of the results. We will also be learning about rationing and following rationing recipes to create our snack, lunch and dessert during a school day. Furthermore, we will be creating our own propaganda posters.



Swimming

Year 5 will continue to swim this term. **Our day is Monday.**

Each lesson your child will need a swimming kit - trunks/costume and a towel. Goggles are also permitted if your child is able to put them on themselves. Children cannot swim if they have ear rings in, and I cannot remove them for your child. If your child wears nail varnish, tattoos or hair gel on swimming days they cannot go in the pool as these products can block the filters.

Progress

As your child progresses through year 5, I will be regularly updating you on their progress against the national expectations but if you have any queries, questions or concerns about how your child is settling in, then please do not hesitate to come in and see me.