

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 3 & 4



Topics this term

- **English:** Friend or Foe by Michael Murpurgo/World War Two inspired writing.
- **Maths:** Multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter/area and statistics.
- **Humanities:** The Second World War/ South America
- **D.T/Art:** Exploring Expressionism (Henri Matisse)/Cultural tradition in Art (Richard Kimbo)/frame structures/food
- **Science:** Animals and Humans/Sound and Hearing /Evolution and Inheritance/Electrical Circuits/ Space
- **PSHE:** Dreams & Goals/Healthy Me
- **R.E:** Hinduism/Christianity
- **P.E:** Swimming (until Feb half term)/Gymnastics/Orienteering/Tag Rugby
- **Computing:** Programming/ Data and Information
- **Music:** Sea Shanties/building a groove/ternary form
- **Spanish:** Weather/presenting myself/improving listening and speaking skills

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a fun filled festive break.

We are looking forward to continuing our learning this term and have lots of interesting topics planned for the children.

Notices

Please remember that children will not be able to leave school independently or be collected by a different adult unless the school has been informed. Please ensure you sign and return the form if your child will be walking to and from school by themselves (this includes walking to meet a parent who may be waiting in the car outside the school gates.) Also please be aware that Year 5 children are not permitted to bring a mobile phone into school. Thank you.

As the weather has now become colder, it is important for all children to have a winter PE kit in school. Children should have a white t-shirt, dark tracksuit bottoms, a dark hoodie/jumper and trainers, all labelled with names. Girls who wear tights should also have a spare pair of PE socks in their kit. Children cannot wear earrings for PE lessons so need to be able to remove earrings by themselves before each PE session. PE lessons are on Mondays (swimming) and Wednesdays.

After the last swimming session on Monday 27th January, the children will have an extra PE lesson within school, so PE kits will need to be in school every day.

Reading Rewards

Please remember that children are expected to read at least 5 times a week. These can be independent, but an adult needs to sign the reading record entry in order for it to be counted.

We have also introduced a new reading reward scheme, For every 5 reads per week, your child will receive a sticker in their reading record. Once they have received 5 stickers, they will get a reading prize!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hamlyn, Mrs Hyland and Mrs Garthwaite

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday. It will be collected the following Wednesday morning and marked in class together.

Children will do a Spelling Test every Friday and new spellings will be given out on this day.

We would also recommend using Times Table Rock Stars as much as possible to help improve your child's times table skills.