

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to year 5!

The children have come back to school ready to learn and are already engrossed in revising their Geography of the UK, Europe and the World. We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to ensure the best progress for your child. Please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day to answer any questions.



This half term we will be developing our map skills, using an atlas and OS map and creating our own maps. In **Art and DT** this term we will be practising our sketching techniques and observational drawing skills. We will also be looking at the intricate detail on ancient Greek pottery and attempting to replicate this ourselves using clay.



In **Science** we will be learning about forces (water resistance, friction, air resistance, gravity and buoyancy) and later on the changes of state e.g. liquids in to gases.

In **English**, we will explore a range of genres over the term including recounts, persuasive writing and modern fiction. Additionally, we will be focusing on regular spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting lessons to consolidate and extend its use; this will add accuracy as well as depth to our written and creative work.

In **Maths** we will be practising number skills and times tables alongside our daily maths lessons. The children will take part in weekly arithmetic and times tables activities to support their progress across maths as well as mastering new concepts, ideas or consolidating previous knowledge.

Finally in **PE**, the children will be practising their existing football skills alongside learning new ones. Throughout PE, there is a strong focus on good teamwork and the importance of physical fitness and the effect this can have on our mental wellbeing.

Please ensure that P.E kits are at school every day; PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Kits should consist of a P.E. top in the colour of their house, dark coloured jogging bottoms (for outside P.E sessions), black shorts, black plimsolls and trainers. Remember children should not wear jewellery during P.E; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.



Weekly homework will consist of reading, spellings and times tables. Children should be reading for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week but ideally daily. They are expected to write a sentence about what they have read which is then signed by an adult. They should also learn their weekly spellings, which will be sent out on a Monday and tested the following Monday. To support learning their spellings they should complete activities on spelling shed three times a week. Please also complete TT rockstars activities three times a week to support their times table and mental maths skills. Times tables tests will happen weekly on a Tuesday.



If internet access or access to a device is posing a problem, please speak to us.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Helen Rose and Mrs Robyn Keen