

Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a restful Christmas break and are ready for an exciting and hardworking spring term. Thank you so much for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we received before the holidays - we really appreciated these kind and thoughtful gestures. Your children have already made a great start to the new term and I am really looking forward to all the new learning that lays ahead. The spring term is a fantastic part of the school year as it is when some children really come on in leaps and bounds in their learning.

Spelling and Grammar

We will continue to remind all pupils about their 'non-negotiables' which will include correct copying from the board, neat presentation plus checking their own work for easily forgotten basics such as capital letter for names and punctuation at the end of every sentence. Please support us by asking your child to read through his/her homework to check for spelling and punctuation errors.

In the clear plastic pencil case:

- pencils/pens, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue, scissors, whiteboard pens

Curriculum at a Glance

Year 5 will be doing cookery for the first half of this term.

Literacy	Fiction writing based around Greek Myths. Two spelling sessions a week One guided reading session Grammar focus- relative clauses, commas in subordinate clauses, brackets
Mathematics	Fractions, decimals and percentages Written division and multiplication methods Applying knowledge to word problems Times tables will continue to be tested regularly
Science	Living things and their habitats and Forces
Humanities	Ancient Greece
French	Travel, likes and dislikes
RE	What did Jesus do to save human beings?
ICT	HTML coding and E-Safety
PE	Football, Gymnastics, Basketball

REMINDERS: PE ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS; COOKERY ON FRIDAYS UNTIL HALF TERM; WELLIES, PLASTIC BAG AND RAINCOAT EVERY DAY FOR LUNCHTIMES ON THE FIELD.

Homework Timetable-same as autumn term

Subject	Day set	Day due <i>in</i>	Time
Literacy	Tues	Mon	35 mins (Reading Eggspress)
Maths	Tues	Mon	35 mins (Mathletics) + keep revising times tables
Spelling	Tues	Mon	Practise 3x each week (15 mins each time) Session 1: write the words in a full sentence. Choice of learning methods for sessions 2 and 3.
Reading	Mon	Mon	Read aloud 3x each week Please sign the book each week (1HP)

- Please encourage your child to take responsibility for completing and **handing in** homework. Please remind your child to check their homework through for spelling and punctuation slips.
- We will continue to use Mathletics and Reading Eggspress programmes as part of homework this term. Please encourage your child to explore the sites beyond just using them for homework. Remember that the more your child uses these sites, the more they will learn and improve their reading and maths skills.

Three ways to support your child: reading/times-tables/sleep

- Hear your child read and discuss their reading with them.
- Keep testing your child on their times tables. Tables need constant practising as they are easy to forget and tough to master/recall instantly.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep. It might be a good idea to have a ban on screens an hour before bed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you do have any queries or concerns. You are also very welcome to come and see me on the playground before/after school or jot down a note in the homework diary (read on a Monday). Please also do share any achievements from outside of school as we enjoy celebrating these. Mrs Patch and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this year.

Thank you for all your support.

Mr Nicholl