

Spring Term 2020 Year 5

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 we are 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 though 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 stories set in London. Non-Fiction – Report writing Two spelling sessions a week One whole class reading session Grammar focus- relative clauses, commas in subordinate clauses, brackets
Mathematics	Multiplication and Division Fractions Decimals and Percentages Times tables will continue to be tested regularly
Science	Living things and their habitats Animals including humans
Humanities	London and Mapping
French	Food, The Hungry Caterpillar
RE	What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? Buddhism
ICT	Digital Art and E-Safety
PE	Football, Gymnastics, Basketball

REMINDERS: PE ON TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY; FOREST SCHOOL ON FRIDAYS AFTER HALF TERM WHERE THEY WILL NEED CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR ALL WEATHER; WELLIES, PLASTIC BAG AND RAINCOAT EVERY DAY FOR LUNCHTIMES ON THE FIELD.

Homework Timetable-same as autumn term

Subject	Day set	Day due in	Time
Literacy	WED	TUES	35 mins A written task or a Reading Eggspress Activity
Maths	WED	TUES	35 mins Linked to learning in class either written or from Mathletics keep revising times tables
Spelling	WED	TUES	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	Each Day	Records checked on a Monday	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 correct spelling and punctuation.
- 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:

- 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 they get 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 love celebrating these. Mrs Hale and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this year.

Thank you for all your support.

Mr Owen (Year 5 Class teacher) and Mrs Hale