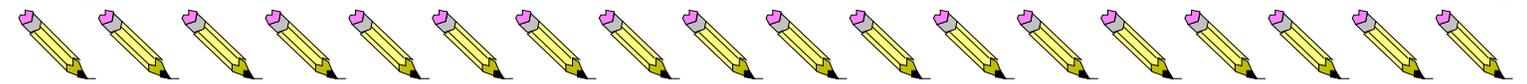


Year Five Spring Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday and we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know what your child can look forward in the New Year, as well as providing some helpful reminders for the term ahead.

Literacy:

In literacy we will begin by studying *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce followed by *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz. The children will produce a range of quality writing outcomes, including narratives and non-fiction texts based on the class novels.

During reading sessions we will continue to focus on a range of skills, including: comprehension, retrieval and inference, whilst also helping children to explain how meaning is enhanced through their choice of words and phrases. To support their learning the children will benefit enormously from regular reading of quality texts at home, as well as revising spellings and grammar rules learned in class as part of their home learning.

Suggested reading lists can be found on our website.

During this term we will continue to develop the children's skills in number and place value, statistics, geometry and measures. We will continue to work on helping the children to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills in all these areas.

As part of their home learning we would like to encourage the children to continue to develop their rapid recall of multiplication and division facts, as well as using their revision books to help them with their classroom learning - these were provided at the welcome meeting at the beginning of the year.

Our topic work this term begins with a geographical study of USA, moving on to a historical study of The Anglo Saxons and the Scots. Children will explore the key human and physical features of characteristics in USA and understand the geographical similarities and differences between the UK and USA. In history, they will look for links and effects in time studied and offer a reasonable explanation for some events

In Science we will be learning about Earth and our Solar System and then different types of Forces.

As part of your valued support at home it would be helpful if you could encourage your child to read daily and record this in their reading record books at least three times a week. In addition to daily reading, home learning will be set on half termly basis, with children choosing a couple of activities per week from their homework grids. This should be brought in to be checked on a Thursday.

It is important that your child is properly equipped for P.E. lessons. P.E. kit consists of white t-shirt and dark shorts for indoor P.E. and tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit top for outdoor games. Trainers must be worn for outdoor games. This term, Jemison class will be swimming on Wednesdays and Sharman class will have gymnastics/ dance on Thursdays.

Should you have any queries throughout the term, please feel free to contact or speak to us at the end of the school day.

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