

Year 5 Newsletter

I hope you have all had a good break and that your children have re-charged their batteries ready for 2018.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the theatre at the end of last term. They also learnt a lot from Mr Singh, who came in to teach the class about Sikhism. Year 5 and 6 also won the Christmas Tree Festival. This is the third year running that years 5 and 6 have won. Fingers crossed for next year!

This term, our class topic is 'Modern and Old China'. We will focus on the geography of China initially, locating China on maps, identifying natural features such as rivers and deserts, naming cities and finding out about China's population. We will then look at the history of China, learning about the great Dynasties in China's past and then learning about modern China. To deepen the children's understanding, we will make links between China and many of the other subjects. We will be creating our own Chinese Kites and writing Chinese poems.

This term we are carrying on with our British Values lessons and will be looking at liberties enjoyed by UK citizens and investigate the rules and laws of the justice system.

In Science, we will be learning about plants and animals this half term and forces next half term.

This term we are learning about Hinduism in RE, which ties in nicely with our topic of India this term.

Year 5 P.E. days are now on a Tuesday and Thursday. This half term we are doing Netball and Real PE.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school at all times. There is enough room in the cloakroom for P.E. kits to stay in school. Please also ensure that all PE kits and clothing are named.

Homework will be set based on the lessons that week to secure their understanding on topics covered in lessons. Homework will go out on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Spellings will take place on a Thursday.

It is imperative that children take time to learn the spelling rule for each week and that they learn all of their Spelling Bee words. The children will be tested on the Spelling Bee words in the last week of each term.

To help prepare the children for the new-style reading tests, which are more challenging than previous years, we will continue to send home a class reading book. Please remind your children to record their reading in their reading record book. The children will also be completing a weekly 10-minute Comprehension as homework this term. This is to prepare them for next year and help them become more confident when answering reading comprehension questions.

If, having looked at the topic web, you have any resources (such as books or artefacts) that you think the children would enjoy looking at or could learn from, they would be very much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. I will usually be available after school in the year 5 classroom – feel free to pop in. If not, you could make an appointment through the office.

Kind regards,

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