

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 3

I hope you have all had a great relaxing Christmas and the children are refreshed for the New Year. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term with our new topic and the children will be continuing to create artwork based on it.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Parental support for homework has been great so far. If homework is not completed then I keep children in at break time on Thursday to complete it but I am happy to say no one has needed to stay in yet. Please mark your child's homework with them. If there is anything your child struggles with in the homework, then please let me know by writing a note on the page and we will go through it with them in school time. If your child hands their homework in on a Friday then I am rewarding them and this seems to be working!

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and spelling tests will take place on a Thursday morning. Mrs Clarke is running a spelling group first thing every morning during register for children that need a little support with spellings and this has been very successful so far. Following the recent assessments I will be changing the intervention groups for additional small group support in Maths, Reading and SPAG during PE and assembly times.

Our topic this term will be India. Our WOW day is on the 14th January and we have Indian Drumming planned as part of this day. Children can come to school in messy clothes on this day. We have a session on a Friday afternoon where the children share information for topic. As I mentioned last term our school trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford is on Tuesday 19th March when we will be visiting the India room as well as the Egyptian artefacts. Details to follow shortly. In science, our topic is now animal and plant life cycles.

In Maths we will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages this term with a focus on increased problem solving.

Times tables are also being set in the homework and times tables tests are on a Tuesday morning.

Thank you to those parents who contacted me regarding their children's results in the recent assessments and for your fantastic support at home. A lot of you asked for advice on additional books to purchase for help in Maths, SPAG and Reading to do at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help with this.

If there is any area of your child's learning that you would like to have a chat about, then please contact me on email or pop in at the end of the school day.

Year 5 P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would also be helpful if the children could also keep an old shirt (with long sleeves) at school to protect their school uniform when painting etc.

Thank you for reading 'Krindlekrax' with your child which will continue to be set in the homework. When reading with your child, please fill in the Reading Record book or your child can fill it in if reading independently. We will continue to check Reading Records on a Tuesday to ensure your child has read at least twice a week. Children who have not read are staying in during Thursday break-time to read.

Once a week on a Monday afternoon, I invite children who have read a book discuss their views, thoughts and whether they would recommend the book to the rest of the class. This book is then put on our list for the week for the rest of the class to see when they would like to choose a book to read. This has been very successful and the children are very keen to share books they have read with the class. If you would like to see this list, then it is in the classroom by the door.

I have been delighted with successes of the winter term and the children have all worked very hard. However, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term if you have any issues.

*Kind Regards
Mrs Hornshaw*