

# Year 5 Newsletter

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break.

Last half term Year 5 enjoyed visiting Peterborough Cathedral and learning about the history of it.

This half term we will be learning about angles and shapes in Maths. In English, children will be learning about the current topic of 'plastic pollution' and creating their own persuasive leaflets encouraging people not to use plastic bottles and bags. For World Book Day children will be dressing up as a colour and taking part in creative activities.

This half term, we will be carrying on with our topic 'Modern and Old China'. The children will be planning, scaling up and creating their own model Terracotta Army over the next few weeks. They will also be writing their own Chinese Poems and learning about Chinese Festivals. Please ensure children have aprons for Art in school at all times so that their school uniform does not get dirty.

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 forces with Mrs Hornshaw.

This half term we are learning about Hindu Books, festivals and ways of life.

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

Please ensure that indoor and outdoor 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-please ensure that it is marked. 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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