

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 4

I hope you have all had a great relaxing half term. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term with our topic of India 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 with 2 dojos 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 continuing to run 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. As during last term, I will be continuing the intervention groups for additional small group support in Maths, Reading and SPAG during PE and assembly times.

Our topic this term will continue to be India. 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.

The children really enjoyed our recent visit to Wicksteed Park for Clip and Climb. It was great to see so many of them conquer their fears. We have more activities scheduled for this term, starting with African Dancing this week.

In RE, we have been learning about Hinduism and the children seem to have really enjoyed finding about the stories of the Hindu Gods.

In Maths, the children have worked really hard on fractions and decimals. This term we will now be moving on to percentages continuing with a focus on increased problem solving.

Times tables are being set in the homework also.

Times tables tests are on a Tuesday morning.

I look forward to seeing you all this week for parent's evening. However, 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.

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Year 5 P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. As the weather warms up, I am hoping to get outside for PE so please make sure your child has trainers in school. It would also be helpful if the children could keep an old shirt (with long sleeves) at school to protect their school uniform.

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.

During the Spring Term, the children have worked extremely hard and I am delighted with their progress. 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*