

Year 5 Newsletter Summer Term 6

I hope you have all had a great Whitsun half term and relaxing holidays. For our final Summer Term, our topic will continue to be France in preparation for our Residential on June 18th. The children have loved rewriting French fairy tales last term and I loved reading them. We have just started our piece on The French Revolution - the children got so excited hearing about the events that resulted in the end of the monarchy in France.

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. 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. This term, Mrs Britton will continue to support Year 5. She will continue to run the spelling group first thing every morning during register for children that need a little support with spellings as this has been so successful.

For our topic of France, we will continue to have a session on a Friday afternoon where the children share information for topic. The children really enjoy contributing in this session.

In Maths, the children have worked really hard last term on angles and shapes. This term we will continue geometry and will be moving on to Measures.

Times tables are being set in the homework also.

Times tables tests are on a Tuesday morning.

At the end of last term, the children completed assessments across the subjects. As the end of Year 5 fast approaches, the children will be completing a set of SATS papers early on in the term. This is to help us get them ready for Year 6 and fill in any necessary gaps in their learning at this stage. If you would like to find out their results then please email me on

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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.

This term, I will be continuing the intervention groups for additional small group support in Maths, Reading and SPAG during assembly and PE times.

Year 5 P.E. days are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am hoping to be outside for PE for some team sports so please make sure your child has trainers in school.

It would also be helpful if the children could also keep an old shirt (with long sleeves) at school to protect their school uniform during Art lessons.

Thank you for reading 'Skellig' with your child which will continue to be set in the homework. Once your child has finished this book, I will give them 'Truckers', our final Year 5 reading book. 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.

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.

As the end of Year 5 approaches, I cannot believe how quickly it has gone. The children have been an absolute delight to teach and I have loved teaching them. I am very proud of the progress they have made and their fantastic attitude to learning. 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