

Y5 Newsletter Autumn Term 2015

Welcome to Year 5

We hope to bring you a newsletter each half term to keep you up to date with what is happening!

In year 5 we aim to learn a lot and have a lot of fun.

Below are a few notes to help things run smoothly!

This half term our main topic is the Vikings. We will also be looking at Healthy Bodies and Exercise.

Trips

We will be having a trip to Heligan on Tuesday 15th September.

There will be a letter to follow about what the children will need to bring with them. The cost of the trip is £6.50. Thank you to those who have paid already. If you are able to help on the trip then please let us know. It should be a great day and all of our Literacy, Art and Poetry this term will be linked to ideas collected on this day.

Homework

Homework will come in three ways! We are keeping it to a minimum at this stage as they are essential. Please help your child with these.

Spelling:

The children will have spellings put in their home school books on a Friday. They will be tested on these the following Friday. Please help your child with these. There is a separate letter about spelling which will be sent home soon.

Reading

If a child's writing skills are going to improve reading is essential. It helps to extend vocabulary and gives them lots of ideas. Please encourage your child to read daily. They will have a school reading book which can be fiction or non fiction, but if they want to read something from home that is fine. (Some children really enjoy reading magazines and comics, as long as they are reading something that they are enjoying) If you have any worries about your child's reading then come and see the class teacher.

Times tables

We will be continuing with last terms times tables challenges. Remember, little and often works best!

If there are any problems with homework, children are expected to see their teacher as soon as possible. We really do not want them to struggle at home and cause you any extra worries. If time is limited at home, an ideal time to come in and do some work is when the school opens at 8:30.

WHAT WE EXPECT THE CHILDREN TO HAVE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY:

A spare pencil and pen

We have provided the children with a ruler, whiteboard pen, pencil and handwriting pen. The children will be writing in pen. The first pen is free, but there after the children need to either bring in a pen from home or buy one for 40p from the office. We expect high quality presentation throughout their work.

PE Kit

Even though we do have set days for PE (Tuesday and Thursday) we would expect PE kits to be in school everyday so that if our timetable changes and children want to attend sports clubs they will be able to do so. Swimming starts after half term for Year 5.

Water bottles

Please make sure that the children have a labelled water bottle in school at all times.

Snack

We have a snack time every morning at about 10 am. We would like to see all children having a snack to recharge! We ask that they bring healthy snacks. Children can bring fruit, vegetables, dried fruit, a plain yoghurt, a piece of cheese, a plain biscuit (like a rich tea), a plain sandwich. A healthy snack really does make a difference to them.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Reading Roundabout

8:30 – 9:10

We would love to see you in the mornings if you would like to come in and hear some children read! Please sign in at reception and come on up!

Hair

If hair is long enough to be tied up, please, please make sure that it is. It may help to stop the spread of nits and is much better for PE

Earrings must either be taken out or taped over during PE sessions.

Art

We are planning to do a lot of art and to help keep clean it would be a good idea if the children had an old t shirt that they could keep on their peg at all times.

Please send in any newspaper and old cartons such as mushroom containers – they make excellent paint palettes.

Clubs

Please encourage the children to take part in the extra curricular clubs available to them. It is an excellent opportunity for them to have some fun and meet new people!

Please feel free to pop into the class to see the class teacher if you have anything that you need to discuss. We look forward to having a great year!

Miss Nile and Miss Jarvis.