

AUTUMN **Year 5 Newsletter**

Welcome back!

We hope you had a great summer break and that you're ready for the new school year!

It's been a great first week back, the children have really hit the ground running and have shown just what a hardworking bunch they are. We are really looking forward to working with them this year!

In this first newsletter we will just outline a few of the new housekeeping rules now that the children have transitioned into Year 5.

PE:

This term, Year 5 PE will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday – please ensure your child has their full and correct PE kit in school on these days. For safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear jewellery during P.E. lessons. We would ask that children do not wear earrings on those days, or be prepared to take them out beforehand. Girls must have a bobble to tie their hair back. Plimsolls should be used for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor games. Tracksuits may be worn for outdoor games. On alternate Tuesdays, the children will be walking to and from Quarrydale in the afternoon session and their PE will be delivered by PE specialists. This is a great opportunity for the children to develop skills in a range of sports that they may not otherwise be exposed to.

Homework:

Homework will be provided differently this year to last. Topic-style homework will only be given once a full term, rather than twice a term this year, but will still be based around what the children are learning at the time. Bespoke homework will be given as and when according to the needs of your child as of next week. The volume of homework is dependent on any gaps your child may have. Multiplication is a main focus this year however, and the children are aware that an ongoing homework for them should be their times tables, even if they do not have any physical homework to take home. By the end of the year, the children should be able to recall their tables up to their 12's fluently. If you would like extra resources based on multiplications, please do not hesitate to ask.

Reading Diaries

Once again, all of the children have been given their own personal reading diaries. Please try to hear your child read at least three times a week, logging all reading sessions in their diary, which contributes to their 'Reader of the Week' award and their class awards. Reading books will be changed every Friday, so please ensure that your child brings their book and diary into school ready for Mrs Greaves.

Finally, we will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' evening straight after school at some point in the upcoming weeks so that you can ask any questions you may have about the curriculum etc. and find out what the children will be covering in terms of English and Maths over the course of the year. The date for this will be sent out shortly.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask, my door is always open.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mr Downie, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Searson & Mrs Wakefield

Year 5 team