

# Key Information

## Homework

Homework will be sent on a **Friday** and should be handed in on a **Thursday**. This half term the children will receive a short reading comprehension and a maths task most weeks. Please encourage your child to complete the work on time and to the best of their ability - we do spend time in class marking the work and going through it together. Mathletics should also be accessed on a weekly basis as well as reading. Please ask if you would like your child to borrow a book from school.

## Spellings and Handwriting

Your child will bring this half terms spelling list home today - please help your child learn how to spell each word and the meaning. As always, we will also practise in class alongside handwriting. The children will be tested on all spellings on **Thursday 14th February**.

## PE

This half term, on a Wednesday, the children are lucky to be taught PE by a Leeds United Coach. They will need an outdoor PE kit, including tracksuit bottoms and a jumper, please ensure they have warm clothes. If they have football boots they can bring them but please don't go and buy some as trainers will be fine. We have this session last thing on a Wednesday so they can go home in their kits if you wish.

It is vital that every child has a water bottle with them for this session. Thanks for your support.

## Residential—Herd Farm

Please continue to pay instalments via the Tucasi online payment system. Please note all deposits must be paid by the end of the month with the balance paid by Friday 10th May.

# Year 5 Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy 2019! May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that the Year 5 staff received, from the children and yourselves, before the Christmas break.

As usual, this newsletter aims to keep you up to date with the half term ahead. There will be some changes to the weekly routines so please check this newsletter carefully especially the information about homework and PE on the back page.

Please continue to check Class Dojo too for updates. As always, if you have any issues please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope the children continue to enjoy their time in Year 5. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Ince

# Spring Term 1—Curriculum Map

<p><b><u>English</u></b> During this term we will be looking at biographies. This will include reading different biographies and then learning to write a biography. We will use ICT and role play to support our learning.</p> <p>There will be a much bigger focus on grammar, punctuation and spellings this term. Guided Reading will also become a bigger focus with the children accessing a range of texts with different foci. Reading homework will be linked to what we are learning in class.</p>	<p><b><u>DT</u></b> This half term we will focus on Art.</p>	<p><b><u>History</u></b> This half term we will begin to look at the Romans. This is a longer topic and will continue into the next half term. There will be a trip related to this next half term.</p>
<p><b><u>Maths</u></b> We will begin by looking at the inverse and what the = sign means (including simple equations). We will then move onto multiplication methods followed by the concept of division and becoming more confident with the short method of division. The children will continue to use Mathletics to support their learning. Please encourage your child to log on to Mathletics at home and practise their Maths. Times tables continues to be a priority. Times Tables Rockstars passwords will be reissued this week.</p>	<p><b><u>Art</u></b> This half term the children will be creating mosaics linked to our history work</p>	<p><b><u>Geography</u></b> This half term our focus will be on History.</p>
<p><b><u>Science</u></b> The new topic for this term is Properties and Changes of Materials. This will be a longer topic of practical activities and scientific enquiries which will help the children understand the differences between a variety of materials and how materials can be mixed and dissolved, and reversibly and irreversibly changed.</p>	<p><b><u>RE</u></b> The RE topic for this half term is '<b><u>Inspirational People</u></b>'. As part of this theme the children will learn about the qualities possessed by followers of Jesus. They will be introduced to inspirational followers of Jesus like Fr. Damien and be encouraged to reflect on how they can follow Jesus in their own lives.</p>	<p><b><u>Music</u></b> Mrs Hughes will teach Year 5 music. The children will build upon the skills they learned last half term with musical instruments.</p>
<p><b><u>Computing</u></b> The topic for this half term is email. We will revisit how to stay safe when using email, how to send an email and how to send an email with an attachment.</p>	<p><b><u>PE</u></b> This half term the children will be taught PE by a Leeds United coach. Please see info overleaf for days and kit requirements.</p>	<p><b><u>MFL</u></b> The children will learn music this half term.</p>