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Lee Mount Primary School Year 5 Newsletter 2- Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a fun and enjoyable Christmas and are ready for the new term. Here is a summary of the topics we will be covering this term.

English

During the Spring term your child will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction writing. In the first half term we will be writing non-fiction recounts of our trip to the National Coal Mining Museum and our Victorian classroom day.

After the half term break, we will be reading and responding to texts by significant authors. The main text that we will be looking at is 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells. If your child would like to read any of his other works in preparation for this, that would be fantastic!

We will of course also be doing lots of writing around our residential trip to Whitby that takes place this March (Further information on this will follow nearer the time).

Mathematics

Fractions are one of the focuses this term. The children will be looking at how to work out equivalent fractions and also how to solve more complicated calculations involving fractions. We are also looking at how to multiply and divide larger numbers, up to 4 digits x 2 digits. Arithmetic is still an important skill that we will also be practising every week, with Mrs Meadows carrying out a weekly arithmetic assessment in each class.

History and Geography

During the first half term we will be continuing our topic on Victorians, looking more closely at the everyday life of rich and poor Victorian children, from their lives working down the pits to what it was like to be a rich child at school.

In the second half term we are looking at the topic of Coasts, learning all about how the coast line is shaped and what different features of physical geography are found at the coast that you don't see in other places.

P.E.

The topic for P.E. this term is dance and gymnastics, then when the weather turns nicer we will be playing hockey outside.

Your child needs named blue/black shorts and a white t-shirt. Earrings **must** be taken out. Our class P.E. lessons will take place as follows:

5B - Monday and Wednesday

5R - Tuesday and Thursday

Please have school P.E kits in school at all times.

Computing

In the first half term the children will be learning about controls. They will be using Lego to build and control animals. For the second half term they will be looking at spreadsheets linked to our Geography topic. We are also looking at developing our skills at being safe when using the internet, especially when chatting online.

Reminders

- Please can you make sure that you label your child's clothing.
- Book bags with reading books need to be in school **everyday** please.



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Homework

Homework is an important part of learning which helps you to see the work that we are completing in class and allows you to share in your child's learning.

Here is an outline of the homework your child will be set and when it needs to be returned.

Daily:

Reading books are sent home each night to be shared but must be returned **daily** with the reading record card (blue) so that they can be used within the classroom. We would like to encourage you to listen to your child read at home and comment on this card. These are used as a record of your child's behaviour during that week with a green sticker being awarded to the pupils who have achieved and followed school and classroom rules on behaviour and a way of communicating between adults in Year 5. Random spot checks are completed to check that both reading books and reading record books are in school and being used correctly.

Monday:

- Spellings to be sent home and practised for a test on the following Monday.

Friday:

- Maths homework sent out which is to be returned by the following Thursday. (Children who do not return their homework on time will be completing it during break on Tuesday).
- Topic homework (homework project) sent out and is to be returned by the following Thursday. It is your child's responsibility to take their homework project home and complete it on a night which suits them. It only needs to be in school on Thursday for sharing with the class.

Homework Projects:

As well as the homework outlined above your child is asked to complete a project on a topic to link with our school curriculum. Children will have a selection of different themes to choose from for their homework which will be stuck in the front of their homework books. Books will be available in the classroom and the library for children to use as sources of information. As your child is now in Year 5 it is expected that the work is written in their own words and not copied directly from the internet and/or books.

Homework projects need to be in school on a **Thursday** to share with the class.

The homework project is to be completed in the book provided and should consist of writing and pictures.

Photographs or pictures from magazines can also be included. The children are asked to complete **at least one** page per week using neat, school handwriting.

We encourage the children to be as creative as possible and in previous years we have seen models of coastlines, Victorian newspapers, travel brochures about the East Coast, or picture postcards from their own holidays. If your child needs any help researching information or thinking of ideas please encourage them to ask a member of staff.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any problems or concerns please feel free to come and see us at any time

Miss Bell and Mrs Robinson