

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER: SPRING 1 2019

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to the Spring term in Year 5! All going a bit fast!

Here are some bits and bobs to ease our way into 2019!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

It's a busy half term. Here are a few dates to pop on your calendars:

Wednesday 16th January – Trip to Bishop's House

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th January – Parents Evenings. Your child should have brought home a separate letter about this. If these days are difficult, please contact me via email or the school office to arrange another date. Please sign up for a time and date using the sheets in the school office.

CLASS ASSEMBLY – Apologies, due to illness, this had to be cancelled last week. We will re-arrange for this half term and let you know the date as soon as possible.

WATER BOTTLES

The children in Year 5 are encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day. Having a clearly labelled water bottle which they can keep in school really helps. We ask the children to keep these on their tables and to fill them up at playtimes and lunchtimes. Just water please – no juice!

PE KIT

Our PE days this half term are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. They change every half term depending on whether we have support from Rich Mills. This half term our PE will be badminton with Rich (Tuesdays) and Basketball (Thursdays) Please can the children have their full PE kits in school on these days: black shorts or track suit bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers / PE pumps.

CORNETS: AN UPDATE

The children are doing brilliantly with their cornets and we are really proud of them. They have brand new labels on their cornets, and we are encouraging them to take them home and practise as much as possible. It really does make a difference to their lesson time if they do so.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Year 5s have been amazing this season at Cross Country. I'm really proud of you all. There are two races this half term:

Saturday 26th January: Brunswick School

Saturday 9th February: Concord School

It would be great to see old and new faces there! Look out for separate letters with details of the events. We always pop these on the school website now.

TOPICS

Our topics for the rest of this year look like this:

SPRING 1	OFF WITH HER HEAD – The Tudors
SPRING 2	SCREAM MACHINE – Fairground rides
SUMMER 1	THE ALLOTMENT – Life Cycles
SUMMER 2	TIME TRAVELLER – Life Cycles (human)

If any parents / carers feel they have an expertise or something to offer with our topics please let me know. We like having visitors!

POINTS SYSTEM

To ensure that children have a consistent reward system throughout school, we are using tokens to work towards achieving bronze, silver and gold cards. All staff in school can give out points, including lunch time supervisors and office staff. Each week the points will be recorded in class.

In Year 5 we always have a star of the day – someone who has shone that day, overcome a challenge, shown kindness or team spirit, produced an outstanding piece of work. A star of the week will also be announced every week in Friday's celebration assembly.

MRS PYKETT

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Pykett back after her half term in a Key Stage 1 placement before Christmas. She will now be with us until the end of Year 5. She will be taking increasing responsibility for leading the class teaching, co-planning with me and then planning herself under my guidance. I will always be in lessons with her – it is a fantastic opportunity to get around the classroom more easily!

HOMEWORK / SPELLINGS

I will always send spellings home every Monday and test the children every Friday. We practise the spellings in class for 5-10 minutes every day, but it is useful for the children to practise them at home as well. The Year 5 National Curriculum spellings aren't easy, and they get tougher in Year 6!!

Homework usually goes home on a Friday and is due back the following Thursday. Occasionally, if the homework is directly related to our class lessons, I will change the days slightly but will always let the children know in advance. Homework should generally take 20-30 minutes although they are welcome to spend longer on it if they wish! I never send homework the Friday before a holiday!!

Topic homework is given the week before a holiday with a suggestion of ideas. They have the whole of the following half term to complete this homework.

Please come in and talk to me if you have any worries / concerns / suggestions. After school is often better than before in terms of time.

Here's to a happy, healthy and successful 2019.

Clare Tierney