

Autumn Newsletter- Class 5

First of all, I would like to say a big welcome to Class 5 and I hope the children are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable half term as much as I am. The Class newsletter is to inform you about routines and what is expected of your child. In class 5 it is very much expected that children are organised and start to take responsibility for their own learning so, try and support them with this as best you can so they can achieve this quickly.

Below is a table showing the learning themes in each subject area.

Science – Electricity/Light	Geography – UK Comparative Study (fieldwork)	History – The Stone Age
PE – OAA / Gym	Art – Drawing and Painting – Ian Mitchell	DT – Mechanisms and Structures
ICT – Online Safety and Concept Maps	Music – Charanga Music Scheme	

Beginning and end of the day: At the beginning of the day, as soon as your child arrives, they should make their way onto the playground and line up in their respective classes. At the end of the day your child will exit from the side door of the school nearest the classroom and make their way down to meet you where you arrange to collect. Please ensure your child knows who is responsible for collecting them.

PE: Lessons will take place on a Tuesday (OAA) Thursday (Gymnastics) with children still coming to school in PE clothes. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Trainers will be required for outdoor PE. Can I also suggest that if the weather is not great that they come in “warm” clothing as even if it is cold (especially in winter) we will be going outside to do PE. Warm clothing where possible should consist of plain tracksuit and jumpers. In the interest of safety jewellery must not be worn, earrings must either be removed or taped and long hair must be tied back.

Reading: Your children has received a reading log so they can record all their reading. Reading plays a huge part in your child’s learning and we ask that they have the opportunity to read with another adult on a regular basis, discussing different parts of the texts to check their comprehension skills. Please try and encourage your child to choose books that are age related and possibly of the “Recommended Reading List”. Please see me if you would like a copy. When you come to sign the reading log one signature is sufficient for the weeks reading. I will also be asking your child to note down words they didn’t know during home reading sessions and during guided reading sessions they will get the opportunity to find out the meaning of these.

Homework: Your child will receive regular homework. Alongside reading and times tables, there will be additional, varied tasks for them to complete. Soon your child will receive their seesaw codes. If all homework could be uploaded onto this platform that would be fantastic. All homework that is set will be discussed in class on a weekly basis. It is down to your child to be independent and completing it so that their learning moves forward at the pace I would like. Please assist your child with their homework but do not do it for them.

If you have any further questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to teaching and supporting your child this year and I hope they thoroughly enjoy it.

Kind Regards – Mr Barnes