

Spring Newsletter- Class 5

First of all, Happy New Year and welcome back 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.

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

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| Science – Living thing and Habitats | Geography – Physical Processes. Mountains and Volcanoes | History – The Maya |
| PE – Dance / Dodgeball | Art – Printing – John Dyer (indigenous art) | DT – Textiles (Woven cushions) |
| ICT – Quizzing. | Music – Charanga Music Scheme | |

Beginning and end of the day: As you will know the timing of the school day has changed. We now start at 8:45am and 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 with their teacher and make their way down to meet you where you arrange to collect. Please ensure your child knows who is responsible for collecting them and notify the office if there are any changes.

PE: Lessons will take place on a Tuesday (dodgeball) Thursday (dance) with children still coming to school in PE clothes. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. On Tuesdays we will be going outside to do dodgeball so please make sure that your child has warm PE clothes with them. 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: 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 preferably out loud, 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. 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