

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. I would also like to thank everyone who gave me a gift at Christmas – they were all very much appreciated. 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.

Science – Living thing and Habitats	Geography – Earth’s Processes – Mountains and Volcanoes	History – WW2
PE – Dance / Football / Orienteering / Gymnastics	Art –Drawing – London Underground Scene.	DT – Textiles – Design and create an identity flag
ICT – Quizzing.	Music – Charanga Music Scheme	RW – Faith in Action

Beginning and end of the day: Like usual, please make your way to the front playground and be in your line by 8:45am. If we are a few minutes late to school your child will miss the start of the spelling teaching which is an important part of the curriculum. 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. If your child walks home, please could you notify the office if you have not already done so.

PE: Lessons will take place on a Tuesday (dodgeball) Friday (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 football 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. 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: As a Happy New Year gift, I will be setting two pieces of homework. Alongside reading and times tables, there will be additional, varied tasks for them to complete that will start linking to SATs tests in may. 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 in their last few months at primary school.

Kind Regards – Mr Barnes