



Class Five Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of another year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable holiday and you're back and ready for the hard work to begin!

This letter contains information about our topic for this Autumn term, alongside the basic classroom organisation, homework days, PPA times and cover, timetables and P.E. days.

My classroom door is always open and if there is anything that you would like to discuss I am available before and after school each day, face to face or at the end of a phone.

What will we be learning about this term?

Below is a brief summary of some of the things the children will be learning about this term. You will also find a topic overview at the end of this newsletter.

English

The children will be following the National Curriculum objectives relating to their age and ability. As part of our English work we will be studying story writing, poetry and information texts. The children will have an opportunity to complete some longer, sustained narrative writing and develop their skills in drafting their work.

Reading

Almost all of our reading in school is now done through guided reading, although there will still be some individual reading done. The books are colour banded and we will be encouraging the children to learn how to change their own books. We would encourage you to read with your child frequently as this helps them with fluency and intonation. As they progress, they will increasingly come upon vocabulary that will need explaining and this time is ideal for you to check that they understand what they have read.

Maths

As in English, the children will follow objectives from the National Curriculum, relating to their age and ability. We will be focusing on the Key Instant Recall Facts, built around the idea of completing space missions (S.M.I.R.F.s). More information about these is sent home each half-term. You can help your child at home by carrying out some of the activities on the sheet. We will also be covering place value, calculation, shape, measuring and handling data.



Science

Science work will focus on changing materials. That includes different investigating solids, liquids and gases and how changes can be reversible or irreversible.

Topic

The whole school topic is Eboracum Rules! We will learn about the growth of the Roman Empire, why Britain was invaded and what life was like in Roman Britain. Children will use skills from across the curriculum to develop their understanding of this topic.

P.E

This year, P.E. lessons will be led by a P.E. specialist from Premier Sports Coaching and will take place on Friday afternoons. It is useful if your child keeps their P.E. kit in school, especially their trainers, just in case we get any extra sessions or have to change our day. We will be going out for some sessions so make sure they have suitable clothing for inside and out.

Please could inhalers remain in your child's bag so that they can access them when needed and could all freshly pierced ears be covered with tape to protect them during the activities. Earrings must then be removed for all P.E activities.

Who and When?

Miss Richards will teach full time, apart from Friday afternoons when the children have P.E. All children will continue to be supported in class each morning by our teaching assistant, Mrs Free.

Homework and Spellings

In Class 5, spelling homework will be given on a Monday to be completed for the following Monday. When children's spelling is assessed, teachers will dictate sentences that include previously learnt words in sentences appropriate for each child's ability. The whole sentence will be assessed; handwriting and punctuation as well as spelling. This models real writing as children must hold whole sentences in their head rather than words from a list.

Maths homework, sometimes Mathletics, will be set on Thursday to be returned or completed by the following Wednesday. English homework will be given on a Friday, to be returned by the following Thursday. If, for whatever reason, your child has been unable to complete their homework please let me know, either by having a chat first thing in the morning or by writing a little note in their planner. We can then make arrangements for completing it, either during play-times or at home.

Miss Richards and Mrs Free