



Year 5 Newsletter – Lent Term

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy new year to you all!

Welcome back and as always we have another busy but interesting term ahead.

The following gives details of what we will be learning and focusing on throughout the Lent Term in Year 5. As always, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

Subject		Lent 1	Lent 2
English	Writing	High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson: Character descriptions, police reports, setting descriptions, newspaper articles and persuasive letters. Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orjil: Informal letters, contrasting diary entry, survival guides, eyewitness reports and non-chronological reports.	The Tempest by William Shakespeare Setting descriptions, character descriptions and comparisons, diary entries, dialogue, play script.
	Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenthesis • Noun Phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenses
	Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words ending in cious / tious • Words containing ei / ie • Year 5 and 6 words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent letters • Suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –'fer' • Year 5/6 words
Maths	Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and division • Fractions • Decimals and percentages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals and percentages • Perimeter and area • Statistics
	Times Tables	Weekly times tables (details to follow) and mental maths test every Friday.	Weekly times tables (details to follow) and mental maths test every Friday.
R.E.		From Galilee to Jerusalem	From Desert to Garden
Science		Properties of Materials	Reversible and irreversible changes
Computing		Radio Station	Flowol
History / Geography		History: How did Tudor Monarchs rule differently?	History What was life like for ordinary Tudors?
P.S.H.E.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Emotions • Being Healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Education • Money Matters
P.E.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Yoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • Volleyball
Art / Design and Technology		Art: Painting – Mark Rothko	Design and Technology - Textiles
Music		Rhythm	Pitch
French		Quel temps fait-il? (What is the weather?)	La Maison Tudors (The Tudors)

Reading

Reading Scheme: Each child will have a book to read at home which will be allocated according to their level of understanding and reading ability. When the book has been read it can be changed at the start of the school day and the children should change their book as often as possible. It is extremely beneficial for the children to read at home at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their yellow Home Reading Record and then signed by an adult. This will be checked weekly at school; if a child has read at least 3 times in that week at home then a reward will be given, for example, house points, extra playtime. However, if a child has not read at least 3 times that week then there will be a consequence, for example, reading in the classroom during playtime or lunchtime. Reading little and often is best so reading for 5-10 minutes everyday is better than reading for 30 mins once a week.

Books from home: The children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home and if they are reading one of their own books then this can also be recorded in their yellow Home Reading Record as above.

Library books: The children will be able to borrow a book from our school library and will be able to change it regularly. They will be able to read this book at home or in school.

P.E.

Our P.E. lessons will be on a Monday and a Friday. However, your child will need access to their full P.E. kit at all times should this need to change. The children must not wear any jewellery for P.E. and all earrings and watches need to be removed. Earrings can only be taped for the 6 weeks after piercing and this must be done by your child before the lesson or before they come to school, then after this time earrings must be removed. Long hair should be tied up or if not long enough to do so pushed back off the face using a sports headband. Children who have forgotten their P.E. kit or do not have their full P.E. kit will be given one to borrow and wear for that lesson.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. Completed homework will be rewarded with house points and incomplete homework will be completed at school during playtime or lunchtime. There will be 2 pieces of homework set each week which will include maths and one other subject, for example, Literacy, History, R.E.

Water Bottles

The children need to bring a bottle of **water** each day to school which they will be able to refill if needed throughout the day.

Coats

Your child must bring a coat to school every day which is appropriate for the weather because we will let the children outside during playtime and lunchtime whatever the weather, within reason of course! A thick coat will keep them dry and warm in the winter and a thin coat will keep them dry in the summer.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted to be worn at school is a watch and small, flat stud earrings.