

Curriculum Newsletter - Class 5M

Spring 2019

Best wishes for the New Year

It feels like we have never been away and here in Year 5 we are all getting back to routine. We greatly enjoyed last term's topic, especially the Ancient Greek day. Thank you to everyone who put a costume together, and well done to all the children who tried a new food! Once again, the children have come back to school ready to learn and I look forward to exploring our new topics together.

The children are doing really well in Spanish with Mr De Celis, and this term they will be doing PE in the hall with Miss Stubbs, whenever possible. They should continue to wear PE kits to school on Mondays. In Mrs Palmer's absence, Mrs Verwey will take Friday lessons for me.

Homework

English and Maths will be given out on a Thursday. Both tasks are due in by the following Tuesday. Should you need to send any communication about how your child coped with the task, please do so, by writing in the book. At the front of the book is a reminder of how long the children should be spending on their homework each week. I try to send home work that gives you an indication of what we are covering in school at the time, or work that revisits areas for practice. Some weeks this will be more challenging than others, but after a long school day, I wouldn't want to think that the children feel anxious about homework in any way. I may also begin to send some pieces of work that take more than one week to complete.

Children should continue to read every day, but may wish to read to themselves now. Please encourage them to write the title of their books in their reading record book, with a comment about what they thought of it and why. Most of the work we do on reading is through guided reading which takes place three times a week, once with an adult.

Spellings will be practiced daily in school.

We are hoping to have a visit from St John's Ambulance, who will teach us all some basic first aid. We are also expecting a visit from Anglian Water, connected with our Science project.

Another history topic this term. We will be thinking about the place of the Anglo-Saxons in our history, and will be looking at the Anglo-Saxon story, Beowulf, in guided reading.

Maths – lots of fractions, decimals and percentages this term.

English – We will look at different narrative types and persuasion texts, again focussing in part on Beowulf.

Science – materials and their properties. Scientific change through processes such as freezing, heating, dissolving etc.

Art - Andy Galsworthy.

P.E. – beginning with Gymnastics

R.E.- Looking at how religion affects the daily lives of Jews and Muslims.

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