

Year 5 Coral and Lionfish Newsletter

Spring 1



Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have a restful and pleasant break and we would like to welcome you and your children back to school for the start of a new term.

In our Geography lessons this half term, we will be learning more about our local area and the North West region. We will be comparing this to the seaside town of Whitby on the North East coast. We will compare the geographical features of these places and how this influences the jobs people do. We will also look at the reasons people chose to live in or visit these areas.

In Science we will be learning about materials. This will include looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will investigate which materials make the best thermal insulators and which materials are magnetic. We will be finding out about ways to separate materials by sieving, filtering and evaporating liquids.

In English this term we will be applying the grammar skills we developed during the Autumn term. We will be writing non-fiction texts linked to our science learning about planets in our solar system. In maths we will be developing our understanding of formal written methods for multiplying and dividing with larger numbers. We will also continue our work with fractions to find fractions of amounts.

Supporting your child at home.

It is important that your child reads every night at home. We understand that children may not read to an adult each night, but please try to talk about what your child has read and look at any new or difficult vocabulary. In school last term, we introduced an online reading program called Reading Plus. This has been very popular in class and children are able to access this at home too. They should know their login details, but please let their class teacher know if you have any difficulties.

Weekly homework in Year 5 is as follows:

- Reading comprehension
- Handwriting sheet – this will be a list of the week's spellings
- Spelling practice – the weekly list will be stuck in the pupil planner
- Maths – children will write the week's pages in their planner
- Online TTRockstars and Spelling Shed

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please let us know at the end of the day when you collect your child. You can also send a Dojo message to us.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Wilson
Mr McGhee

Weekly Timetable

☺ **Monday** –PE (Lionfish)

Homework sent home
(maths booklet,
handwriting and reading
comprehension)

☺ **Wednesday** – PE
(Coral)

☺ **Thursday** – Y5 Coral
swimming lesson

☺ **Friday** – Spelling test

Homework to be
completed and returned to
school.

Homework set online for
the following week.