



Year 5 Spring Newsletter



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Welcome back!

I hope that you're all keeping well and have had a lovely Christmas holiday. I'd like to say a big thank you for all the lovely Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that I received. I have been truly spoilt and I am extremely grateful, thank you!

It has been so lovely to have the children back this week; I have missed seeing their smiling faces every day! This term marks the start of our second term in year 5 so I am hoping to see even more of that sparky enthusiasm coming through as we start new topics and get stuck into our learning.

This term is full of exciting challenges. We will get stuck into our new topic 'Ground Shakers' soon, which I can tell the children are very excited to start already. There are also new topics in Science, Maths and a new text in English too - make sure to check the curriculum map to see what we are up to. You can also keep up to date via the Year 5 class page on the website where there will be pictures of our learning this term.

Spellings

This term, we are continuing with our 'Scode' spelling scheme. This scheme focusses on phonetic awareness and curriculum words. Please note that all spelling words will be available via the class page.

Reading

We will be completing STAR reading tests again shortly so watch out for the children's new ZPD and the books they bring home. Reading is so important to all areas of children's learning so please ensure that they are doing this regularly! (Ideally for 20 minutes every day!)



P.E.

Our P.E days are now Monday and Friday.

Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.

As per our PE policy, please ensure that long hair is tied back. Earrings need to be removed or covered with tape for PE sessions.

Times tables

This term, in maths, we will be studying different written methods for multiplication and division as well as fractions, percentages and decimals. This will mean that we will be using our times tables almost daily. Please can you encourage children to learn their times tables and practise them frequently to ensure that they have a speedy recall? According to the curriculum, children are fluent in their times tables when they can answer questions at random, based on facts up to 12×12 , in three seconds! Flashcards and memory prompts around the house can be useful to remember specific facts. If you need any further support with this, please don't hesitate to get in touch

Homework

We set homework to give children the chance to practise the skills they learn in class to help them consolidate and embed learning. Nothing new is set but instead it helps the children to have extra exposure to the concepts we've covered. Children (or parents) may mark homework themselves to self-assess their understanding and enable them to have a discussion with me in school if they have found something difficult. Homework is for the children. It's about developing ownership of their learning and an understanding that if they want to succeed, they need to put the work in!

If children are unable to do homework due to a particularly busy week at home, they can attend homework club on Wednesday, at lunch. I will check every Friday morning to see who has completed their homework. This way, I can identify children who aren't engaging and discuss with them why.

I also appreciate that it is not always possible to get done so I explain to the children how honesty is the best policy and to come and speak to me.



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th January School and Nursery closed

Tuesday 6th January School and Nursery open

Monday 26th January Young Voices

Thursday 29th January FOREST SCHOOL

Tuesday 10th February Parents Evening

Thursday 12th February Parents Evening

Friday 13th February break up for half-term

Monday 16th-Friday 20th February half-term

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

Thursday 5th March FOREST SCHOOL

Friday 20th March Home learning due in

Monday 23rd March Home learning gallery pm

Tuesday 24th March Home learning gallery am

Thursday 26th March FOREST SCHOOL

Friday 27th March Easter Bonnet parade and Easter service

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April Easter Holidays

Please note that these dates are accurate at time of writing but may change. If that is the case, you shall be notified in good time.

Staff in Year 5

Miss Wilding - Class Teacher

Mrs Hall and Mrs Walton- Interventions for 5&6 afternoons

OPAL

Please bring your wellies back into school ready for OPAL lunchtimes.



Forest School

Please come to school wearing old clothes that you don't mind dirtying. In cold or wet weather, waterproof overalls; wellies or waterproof boots; hats and gloves are necessary. In warmer weather, the children still need trousers and long sleeved tops. However, old trainers can be worn. **Wellies can be worn from the OPAL storage.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I'm always available via email or by telephone.

Miss Wilding 😊