



Year 5 Summer Newsletter



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Welcome back to the Summer term!

I hope that you all had a restful and relaxing Easter break and cracked open an Easter egg or two! It's been a pleasure to welcome the children back and we've got stuck straight back into learning. This week, the children have been finalising their work on volcanoes while also starting lots of new learning.

As you know, at the end of last term we completed assessments in reading writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as maths. These were a huge help and allowed me to build a picture of where the children are aiming to be at the end of the year. This term will see us focus on maths and English skills as we continue to learn new areas of the Year 5 curriculum and consolidate areas that we've previously looked at but are not yet secure in. We'll be working hard but I know that the children will rise to the challenge with their usual enthusiasm, excitement and positivity!

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!)

If you'd like to support your child with reading, listening to them read is useful as is asking them questions about what they've read. Questions should focus on:

- Vocabulary - define and explain the words in context
- Infer - can they infer meaning, motive, feelings?
- Predict - can they predict what is happening next using clues from the text?
- Explain - can they explain author choices or words in context
- Retrieve - can they pick key parts from the text to answer questions directly?



P.E.

Our P.E days are: 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.

Forest school dates

7/5, 18/6 and 19/7 amended FS dates changed to 7/5, 25/6 and 2/7

Maths

Please encourage children to practise their timetables 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!

Another reminder that if your child is struggling at home with any mathematical concepts, the whiterose videos online are a great refresher for them. They are mini 12 minute lessons that will consolidate understanding. You can find them on vimeo or just type into google E.g. 'Whiterose maths video year 5 adding fractions'

<https://vimeo.com/user53557771>

Homework

I appreciate your support in ensuring that homework is completed, as it gives the children a chance to practise and embed learning from that week and reinforces crucial skills. I like children to complete homework as independently as possible, as it gives me an idea of what they feel confident with and what they may need further support with. If there are any questions that they are finding difficult, please remind them that they can always come and ask me at school, and I'll go through this with them. Thank you!

Home Work Club: Wednesday LUNCH

Thematic curriculum

Whilst we are focusing on maths and English this term, we will still be offering the children opportunity to develop their skills in other subjects through our thematic curriculum. This term's theme is:

It's all Greek to me!

We will be learning about the Ancient Greeks and how their culture, discoveries and art have influenced modern life today.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 13th April School and Nursery open
- Monday 4th May School and Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
- Friday 8th May OPAL parents session.
- Monday 11th May-Friday 15th May KS2 SATS week
- Friday 15th May Break the Rules Day!
- Friday 22nd May break up half-term
- Friday 22nd May Class photographs
- Monday 1st June Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 2nd June School and Nursery open
- Friday 5th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day shop
- Friday 12th June Sports Day
- Friday 19th Home Learning due in.
- Friday 19th June Father's Day Shop £2.50
- Monday 22nd Home Learning gallery after school in classrooms

- Tuesday 23rd Home Learning Gallery before school in classrooms.
- Friday 26th Year 6's Apprentice- The Big Sell (Children bring money to spend at the stalls. All money goes to charity).
- Monday 29th June Friday 3rd July Year 6 Residential
- Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop- date t.b.c (children come in dressed as ancient Greeks).
- Friday 3rd July Shine Day Reception to Year 5 (details to follow)
- Wednesday 8th July Move up day/Secondary induction
- Thursday 9th July School discos and Year 6 Leavers Disco
- Friday 10th July- Music Concert @ T.I.A pm
- Friday 17th July Children break up for Summer Holidays
- Monday 20th July Teacher Training Day

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.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I am always available via email or by telephone. Miss Wilding 😊