



Message from the Year 5 Team

In Year 5, we do not have a set afternoon playtime. We will always ensure the children have brain breaks during the afternoons whether this is in the classroom or outside.

As the weather is getting cooler, please can children bring coats to school to keep them warm.

Attendance

F2 96.2% Y1 95.3% Y2 95.6% Y3 96.1%

Y4 97.1% Y5 96.5% Y6 96.7%

The whole school target for attendance is 97%

Key Information

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fireworks events last week. It was wonderful to see so many families come together.

5CC and 5MS will have PE on Fridays and 5CT on Wednesday mornings.

5CT will have swimming on PE Tuesday mornings.

Over the next two weeks, we will be completing our termly assessments. These will look slightly different to our usual format, however, we will ensure all children are fully supported.

Reminder: The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 20th November.

This week's learning

In Literacy, we will be looking at Natural Disasters. The children will be writing their non-chronological report on Volcanoes focusing on parenthesis, alliteration, sub headings and cohesion.

In Maths, we will be moving onto multiplication and division. The children will be taught how to use formal written methods, squared numbers and prime numbers.

In Geography, we will be learning about Natural Disasters. We will look at what causes natural disasters and how the tectonic plates move to cause these.

In French, we will continue to look at En Classe. The children will be able to say what they can find in their pencil case.

Message from Mr Wilkes

We have welcomed lots of prospective parents to school this week who are looking for places for their children in September. It has been great to meet so many people in our community. We have an open session on Saturday morning from 9.30 until 11 and another open event next Thursday evening at 4pm. Please pass this on if you know of anyone looking for school places.

The first meeting of our Eco Council took place this week with Miss Howe. They will be supporting the school with our climate action plan and will be focusing on traffic and pollution as their first project.

I wrote to you in the Summer term asking for your thoughts on the residential visits and experiences the children have during their time at The Lanes. Thank you for your responses. We spent last year reviewing our offer, considering the educational value, the value for money and the quality of the activities and centres. We will be changing the Year 5 visit from two nights in York to one night. This will make the costings more manageable, whilst enabling us to focus on the high-quality activities. This visit will take place in March and more details will follow. We have paused the Year 3 residential to Mount Cook for this year as we felt that it did not link sufficiently well to the curriculum learning and was not good value for money. The children will have a day visit to Creswell Crags which will give a really high-quality opportunity for learning and we are currently exploring a way to create a residential experience at a more significantly reduced cost. When we have more details of this we will let you know.

I understand this is a change and some children may be disappointed. However, in order to sustain these experiences in the current financial climate, in terms of cost of living and educational budgets, we need to make some changes. These visits are an integral part of the school offer, and we will continue to work hard to ensure they are protected in a way that is sustainable and inclusive.