

Welcome to Class 5 Spring Term 2018/2019



Happy New Year!

I hope that everybody has had a fantastic winter break and that there has been some rest and relaxation to balance the excitement that always comes at Christmas!

Reading

Reading daily is our only compulsory homework and I would like to thank those of you who have supported your child in their reading during the Autumn Term.

Over the last term only approximately 60% of the class read on a regular basis. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of regular reading, it can help children to develop their imagination, vocabulary, spelling, understanding and awareness of the wider world. It can also be fun! PLEASE encourage your children to build on the skills that they have, to support the work that they do in school and to help them to find something to read which engages them. Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any help around this.

P.E

P.E will once again take place on Mondays and Tuesdays and will be both inside and out; the children will benefit from the expertise of a sports coach in both of these sessions.

Towards the end of last term an increasing number of children did not have PE kit which meant that they either had to borrow clothing, which may not have been the correct size, or they had to miss out on elements of the PE curriculum.

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day in case of changes to the timetable. A pair of trainers is *essential* for outdoor games.

Swimming

There has been a slight change to the timetable this term and those children who did not meet the National Curriculum level in their swimming assessment at the end of their swimming lessons in Year Four, will be attending Selby Leisure Centre on Wednesday afternoons with myself. Those who met the level be joining the Year 6 class on these afternoons.

Forest Schools has had to be postponed until the Summer Term.

Topic

Our topic for the new term is "Leave no Stone Unturned". This topic is planned in line with the new curriculum and initially has a history focus, looking at the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We hope to learn more about the importance of Stonehenge, early communication and storytelling and how tools were created and have evolved.

Homework

In line with our current homework policy, there will be no compulsory homework set, apart from reading. The children will, however, be set a half-termly optional project linked to the current topic and/ or life skills.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mrs Hewitt to Year 5 as she will be joining us as the full time Teaching Assistant to support the class.

Open door

Please do not hesitate to drop in after school if you would like a chat, or to make an appointment if you prefer.

Mrs Hewitt and I are feeling refreshed after the break (!) and are excited for the term ahead. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Yours Sincerely,

Eleanor Bustard