



Welcome to term 2!

I hope you have had a restful half term, and the children are ready for another term of exciting learning. The children worked hard last term, and have made a good start to their time in year 5. We have a lot of additional events going on, so please look out for messages and information. These include parents' evenings, and our fantastic fireworks night. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day for at least 15 minutes. Early into the term, the children's reading ages will again be assessed using Star Reader. Children should be filling in their reading journals every time they read. When your child completes a book, please get them to bring the book into school so that they can complete the Accelerated Reader quiz about their book. The children are welcome to bring in books from home; they may still have a related quiz.

Homework

Every Monday the children will be given a list of 10 new words to practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following Monday. A copy of this word list will be sent home and posted on Class Dojo to help children prepare for their test. The other homework task will be a grammar or Maths task, and is set on Fridays to be handed in no later than the following Friday.

Times Tables

Throughout year 5, we teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. We will do this through a variety of fun games and activities, including the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Although we will use this site in school to support tables recall, we would strongly encourage all children to continue their practise at home. Please continue to practise times tables using whichever method suits you most. Login details are the same as last year and a reminder slip will be given to your child.

Reminders

Equipment: Please can we ask all children to come to school whenever possible, with a pencil case containing: Black handwriting pen, Pencil, sharpener, Ruler, Purple pen, and a Glue stick. They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils. Having these items helps your child to make the most of their learning time.

PE days: Our P.E days are Mondays and Fridays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days.

Finally, please encourage your child to come to school each day with a water bottle and coat, as the weather is so unpredictable!

Thank you to everyone for meeting us on parents' evenings last term. We are here to help, so please let us know by chatting when you collect your child, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.

Thank you from the year 5 team:

Mr Parkin, Mrs Rajan, Mr May, Mrs Collis and Mrs Herst.