



Welcome to term 5!

Welcome back to term 5. We are two-thirds of the way through the academic year, so let's finish strong. We have a lot of additional events going on. On Thursday 7th May, year 5 will be undertaking a cognitive ability test. This will be similar to the reasoning part of the Kent Test paper. We will be sharing the results of this assessment with you. You can use the scores from this assessment as a guide of your child's potential performance in the Kent Test in September. We will also have the year 5 production on Thursday 21st May. Find out more on the curriculum map. Tree Frog class will be swimming this term.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day for at least 15 minutes. 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. Which class will complete the most quizzes this term? We would love to see a big increase in quiz completion.

Homework

We will continue to have a spelling test every Tuesday. The other homework task will be set on Mathematics. Please look out for messages on Clasdojo to make sure your child is completing the correct task. Homework is an important way for children to prepare for secondary school, when the expectations will be even higher.

Times Tables

Please continue to regularly practise times tables with your child. Strong times table knowledge is a solid foundation of all maths knowledge, so they are vital. As a school, we use Times Tables Rockstars as an online resource to practise times tables. Please let us know if your child has lost their login details; we can send them out again.

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. This is the time of year when things start to run out (especially glue sticks!), so please check that your child has all the stationery they require to access their learning. Some items can be purchased from the office.

PE days: Our P.E days are Mondays and Fridays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days. Pufferfish have one final swimming session in the first week (Friday), and then Tree Frogs will be swimming for the rest of the term on a Friday.

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, Mrs Herst, Mr May
and Mrs Lowe