

# Class 5 - January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for the kind and thoughtful presents and Christmas messages we received from you at the end of last term.

This term we are looking forward to hosting an Ancient Greek day for the children on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The day will be held in school and the children will complete some fun, practical activities to bring their learning of the topic to a close. Last year we invited the children to dress up, however, this is not compulsory. Year 6 families may have costumes you can borrow.

## Spelling and Grammar

As during the Autumn Term, we will practise the statutory spelling word patterns for Y5. Please continue to support us by practising spellings with your child at least three times each week. These words will be handed out every Monday and tested the following Monday.

## Stationery

Pencil cases As we start a new term, please ensure that the children have all the necessary equipment to support their learning.

To clarify, each clear pencil case should include **a glue stick, pencil, pen, 30cm ruler, scissors, pencil sharpener, coloured pencils, whiteboard pen and a rubber.**

## PE

PE will take place every Wednesday, however, we suggest PE kits are left in school for the week. Swimming will take place every Friday afternoon.

## Literacy Targets

Literacy targets for the term will be set based on our new writing genre. Please talk to your child about their targets and encourage them to work hard towards them.

## Reading

We are encouraging the children to read three times a week; this can be a magazine, online articles or quality reading books (as this impacts hugely on their writing ability).

Additional books can be found on Reading Eggspress (login details can be found in your child's homework diary).

Please make sure that you sign your child's Homework Diary ready to hand in at the start of Wednesday morning.

The whole school class reading challenge continues, with a prize of extra play for the class with the highest % of children reading 3 times or more in a week.

Class 5 were often the weekly winners and therefore we would like to continue this superb achievement!

### Home learning

- There will be a written English or Maths task each week. Some English tasks will be set from CGP Comprehension Targeted question book and Mathletics (alternate weeks). The children are expected to spend at least 35 minutes on each piece of homework.
- Times tables: there will be a test each Friday on a specific times table which will be learnt in the following order 2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11.
- Homework diaries: **Please would you sign these at the end of each week, ready for Miss McCluskey to check on Wednesday morning.**
- Please encourage your child to take responsibility for completing and *handing in* home learning. Please remind your child to check their home learning for spelling and punctuation slips.

### Home learning timetable

Subject	Day set	Day due <i>in</i>	Time
Literacy	Wed	Following Weds	35 mins
Maths	Wed	Following Weds	35 mins
Spelling	Mon	Test the following Mon	Practise 3x each week. Children should be writing the spelling word in the context of a sentence.
Reading	Weds	Weds	Read three times each week – please record what has been read in the homework diaries and sign it. HPs will be awarded.
<b>Sign Homework diaries</b>	<b>Please sign at the end of each week</b>		3 House Points awarded for completed and signed Homework diary

As always, children should be practising their **times tables** which really does help them in many aspects of number and we would appreciate your continued support with practising them at home. The children have a login to the Time Tables Rockstars website that is proven to greatly help children learn their times tables. Please encourage them to use this as often as possible

## Curriculum at a glance:

<b>Literacy</b>	Creating adverts and a persuasive advertising brochure for a holiday in Greece (1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term) Writing a story based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term) Grammar sessions will be taught separately on a Monday afternoon. There will be a separate reading focus session each week based on the text 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' Our class novel for this term will be The Boy at the Back of the Class. We will also read weekly with Snowy Owls reading buddies.
<b>Mathematics</b>	Formal methods for long multiplication and division Applying above knowledge to word problems Fractions, Decimals and Percentages Times tables will be tested regularly on Fridays
<b>Science</b>	Forces
<b>RE</b>	Buddhism, Salvation (Easter Story) 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?'
<b>Computing</b>	We are Artists; IT skills
<b>French</b>	Eating Out and Hobbies
<b>Art</b>	Creating a Greek Vase Sewing a money container
<b>PE</b>	Swimming, Gymnastics, Handball
<b>PSHE</b>	Dreams & Goals; Healthy Me
<b>Music</b>	Recorder, Make you feel my love,

**We look forward to seeing parents and carers at Parents Evening on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you do have any queries or concerns. You are also very welcome to send a message via the homework diaries – though please ask your child to tell us that a specific message has been written as these are only formally checked on Wednesday of each week.

***We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this year. Thank you for all your support.***

***Mrs Allen, Miss McCluskey, Mrs Russell, Mrs Rosello***