

7th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first half of autumn term in Year 5! Miss Leon, Ms Owden and Miss Coles are looking forward to all the exciting learning we have planned for this half term. As a school we are following government guidelines and appreciate your patience.

Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:

English - We will be covering a number of different genres this half-term including writing a narrative story set in the Amazon rainforest and an information text about the tribes of the Amazon, linking with our Geography and History topics.

It is essential that your child reads every day and that this is recorded and signed in their reading journal. When children finish their books please write this in the comments box, so we know they need to choose another book. Children should aim to get their reading journals signed at least three times a week. We are continuing with the same library system 'Accelerated Reader', this year which enables your child to choose books with a ZPD level specific to their reading ability. We aim for your child to change their reading book at least once per week, but the children are encouraged to read additional books at home, if they finish their library books. Children should record the titles of these additional books, along with their opinions too.

Spelling - In line with the national curriculum, the children in Year 5 will be covering the spelling lists for years 5-6 in weekly spelling lessons. However, spellings will be tailored from some of our children who require more support with these. Differentiated spelling lists of words to learn will be sent home on the Thursday in class. To be learnt throughout the week and the children will be tested on the following Thursday. It is very important that the children practice these to help them with their writing stages.

Maths- This half term we will be focussing on Number (place value and securing our formal written methods). Problem solving will be taught throughout all maths lessons; enabling the children to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

Children will be tested on their times tables knowledge through the application 'Times Table Rocks Stars'. They are also able to practise their times tables using this application at home and challenge themselves. It truly is a remarkable app; the children thoroughly enjoy being a part of the 'Times Table Rock Stars' community!

Science - Plant life cycles

PE - Developing personal skills and physical fitness. Please ensure all children have their correct PE kits. Children will arrive at school every Monday **wearing** their PE kit, they **WILL NOT** be getting changed in school.

PSHCE - Being Strong (social). Being clear about the difference between confidential and secret, give praise and constructive feedback to others, confidently and appropriately challenge when there is a difference of opinion.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Practicing spellings with your child and supporting them with their homework over the weekend is strongly encouraged. Maths homework will be set through MyMaths.



The children will be rewarded for good attendance. **Attendance is crucial for children to continue to make good progress this year. If your child is absent, please ensure that you ring the school by 9.30 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.**

All children are expected to come to school in full uniform, as this is reflective of their learning and their attitude towards school. If a child has an item of uniform missing, then they will receive a warning. If that item continues to be missing, then the child will miss their playtime. Consistent failure to attend school without the correct uniform will result in referral to a member of the SLT.

Your child should bring their reading journal every day. We would expect your child to read at home **every day** and for a comment to be written by an adult **at least** three times a week.

We are happy to see you if you have any concerns, questions or problems. A pre-arranged after-school appointment is the best time for a longer discussion.

Miss Leon, Ms Owden and Miss Coles

