

Year 5 Information

Dear Parents,

I would like wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a restful Christmas. May I also take this opportunity to thank you all, on behalf of myself and the other adults working in Year 5, for the generous gifts that you organised.

By this point in Year 5, your children have settled down to new routines and raised expectations. This has been a challenge for some and I would like to thank you for your continued support in our aim to enable your children to become more independent and responsible learners.

Spring Term Topics

- * Literacy: Our texts for this term are:
- * The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars;
The Viewer - Gary Crew & Shaun Tan
- * Numeracy: Negative numbers; problem solving; fractions - comparing, ordering, equivalence; percentages; Roman numerals; 2D shape.
- * Science: Forces (including Gravity; Air Resistance; Upthrust; Friction; Levers and Pulleys)
- * Geography: South America with a focus on Brazil
- * RE: Islam, Inspirational People and Reconciliation
- * ICT: Coding
- * Art: Portraying Relationships; Tapestry (adult volunteers needed for this please!)

Things to Remember:

- * PE will be on a Monday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors). Please ensure PE kits are in school on these days and are labelled with your child's name. A pair of trainers for outdoor PE is required as well as another pair of trainers or plimsolls for indoor PE.
- * Pens - children will need a Berol/Staedtler style handwriting pen in line with the handwriting policy. Please note children are asked not to bring in fountain pens.
- * They need to make sure that each day they bring their pen, a yellow or orange highlighter, a red pen and their reading book to school.
- * **A named glue-stick is also very useful!**

Homework

- * Homework will continue to be set on **Mondays** to be returned to school by **Friday**.
- * Spellings will be set on **Monday** which will be tested on **Friday**.
- * Reading log activities will be set **Monday** and is due in the following **Monday**. See below for details.
- * Please ensure your child is continually revising their times tables to increase their fluency and speed ready for a Tables Challenge on **Tuesday**.
- * **Mathletics** -as requested by some parents, all three tasks are now set on a Monday. They need to be completed by Friday.

Reading Logs

The format for these has changed this term. In the front of the Reading Log is a list of activities chosen by the class. One should be completed each week and handed in on the following Monday. Time spent on this should be approximately 20 minutes and the work is a reflection of the reading they have done in the week.

*Daily reading is still of great importance. Your child should bring their reading books to school each day and I will record *daily* the pages they have read (no need for you or your child to do this). The expectation is 15-20 pages per day on the same book. Any reading they do in school can count towards this total too.*

This is a short term and Easter will be with us before we know it! In the meantime, do not hesitate to get in contact if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Many thanks,

Mrs Connolly

