

Year 5



Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and wishing you all a happy new year. I hope you had a lovely rest and are ready to get back into a routine.

In addition to the subjects listed below, we will also be teaching units in French, PE, RE, Art and Music.

English

This half term, we will be creating our own newspaper reports and then moving onto explanation texts. Alongside this, we will be working on spelling and grammar, both within writing sessions and through discrete lessons.

Maths

We are continuing to use Powermaths and will be starting maths sessions promptly at 8:45 a.m. This half term, we will be covering multiplication and division, later going on to more fractions. We are also working hard on remembering times tables through Times Table Rockstars, and it would be great to encourage your child to practise these at home through the website. Please ask if you are unsure of logins.

Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Life Cycles', within which the children will be learning about the life cycle of plants and animals, learning many of the more technical scientific vocabulary. Near the end of the unit, the children will be able to compare the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

PE

Mondays and Tuesdays

Children must now come to school in their PE kit including no jewellery.

- Black or blue shorts
- White or blue plain T-shirt

Class Teacher

Mrs Passey

Class Adults

Mrs Dilucia- mornings

Ms Blackburn- SEND support

Mrs Long- Thursday pm

P.E. *

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Spellings

Spellings will be given on a Tuesday, to be learned for a test on the following Tuesday.

Homework

Reading x4 per week

Times Tables Rockstars x3 per week

Dates for the Diary:

- Mon 12th Jan**- Tech She Can workshop
- **Thurs 29th Jan**- RIAT STEM challenge
- Tues 10th Feb**- Supper For Peace
- Fri 13th Feb**- Last day of term
- **Mon 23rd Feb** -Back to school

- Appropriate PE footwear such as trainers (not crocs or open toe sandals please)

Reading

During our shared reading lessons, we will be looking at a variety of texts this half term including the screenplay 'Wind in the Willows', 'Survivors', 'Wolves in our walls' and 'Shackleton's Journey'.

Our library day is **Monday**; children should bring in their library book on this day.

Children can read either with an adult or independently and must get their home reading record signed by an adult each time they have read. Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day and put their book into the pink basket.

Homework

Children will be given spellings to take home and tested the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to learn them each week and fill in BOTH SIDES of their spelling sheet. Make sure their homework folders are returned on **Mondays**.

Homework will be set online via Times Tables Rockstars, which is a fun and interactive way for children to develop division and multiplication facts. Children should practise their times tables online at least three times each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Passey
