

Monday 9th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 5 and a very Happy New Year to you all. Throughout the winter term I was very impressed with the effort and enthusiasm by all the children in Year 5 and hope to keep this up. We have lots to look forward to this term including: swimming for the first half term; exciting new topics to enjoy and learn about and a range of different activities available.

Here are just a few reminders of the expectations of the children for this term:

Children will (as before) be expected to:

- Come into school equipped with all necessary items; a bottle of water, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, P.E. kit, homework (due in on Thursdays unless stated).
NB: P.E. has now changed to a Monday afternoon with Mr Huxham and swimming on a Friday afternoon until February half term.
- Complete homework to their best standard and hand it in on time- Children will be set 30 minutes of both English and Maths homework weekly. English homework may be linked to topic work when necessary or may be set in project format. There will be a homework club on a Tuesday after school for one hour should your child need some support with their homework. This club is ran by me.
- Practise spellings- Children will again be set up to 10 spellings a week to practise with a weekly test on a Friday, these spellings will be put into sentences. The spellings will be from the year 5

and 6 curriculum list. Children are also encouraged to use these within sentences both in and out of class. Any misspelt words will be retested the week after- please see highlighted words in the children's reading diaries for information.

- Practise multiplication tables- All children have been given a multiplication table to focus on and/or facts including decimals. These will be randomly tested so they will need to be prepared.
- Read at least three times a week- It is important for the children to show that they are reading a wide range of texts throughout the year. We have a class reading record that the children are expected to complete in school to show when they have started and completed a book; I have been keeping an eye on the books that the children are reading throughout the year and they are encouraged to read a range of genres.

NB: We do also now have a new scheme of books in our newly updated library- please bear with us as we get all children assessed to their correct band for learning.

As a school we are also very keen to encourage the independence of all the children (especially those in Year 5). This term we are looking to ensure that all children come into class unaccompanied to be able to start their school day; if you are in need of a talk with the class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact me to arrange an appropriate time.

Miss Kedge 😊