



Spring Term in Year 5



Welcome back, we hope that you and your children have had an enjoyable Christmas. We would like to thank you for all of your generous Christmas gifts. As always we have a busy term ahead of us with lots of new experiences for the children and we hope the following curriculum information will be of use to you over the coming months.

The Curriculum

This term our key theme is North America. As much of our English, Science, History, Geography, P.E, Music, Art and DT will be inter-linked through this topic. The children will study where North America is in the World and what the main physical and human geographical features are within the country. We will look at major cities including New York, Washington and San Francisco and discuss the difference between the rich and the poor across the country. The children will also study the Great Lakes, Rocky Mountains, Death Valley and the San Andreas fault. Year 5 will be looking into Forces and the Solar System during Science lessons. In maths this term Year 5 will be covering a number of topics, these include: geometry, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, properties of triangles, and measurement.

Uniform/P.E. Kit

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE name all your child's clothing – both uniform and P.E. kit – including pumps. We like children to have their P.E. kit in school **at all times** in case we do sessions that are not on the regular time table. A P.E. bag should have: pumps/trainers, black shorts and a white or yellow T-shirt. T-shirts are available to order through F.R.P.S. (If in doubt see your class teacher or ask at the Office). During the winter months we will endeavour to do outdoor P.E, so children will also need tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a warm jumper/fleece.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book which they will have the opportunity to change on a regular basis. We encourage parents to read with their children regularly. We understand that many children in Year 5 are confident readers, however the comprehension skills are essential, therefore we recommend you to ask questions about the text they are reading, for example: the characters, the plot, the blurb, the author's style, predictions and alternative endings.

Homework

We are continuing to set homework on a half termly basis for the children to complete in their own time during the next 6 weeks. We have been very impressed with standard and effort that has gone into the Autumn Term homework and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time and support you have given the children in completing these tasks. In addition to these tasks, the children may be given additional maths homework either on paper or via MyMaths if we feel consolidation or extension of a particular subject is required after class teaching.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a clearly named **water** bottle (this can just be a clear plastic bottle), which is separate from their packed lunch and can be stored and refilled within the classroom.

Inhalers/Medication

If your child has an inhaler/medication in school, please ensure that it is within date and send it into your child's teacher.

Miss Thorniley, Mrs Clerc & Mrs Wild