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— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

CLASS NEWSLETTER Autumn 2023-2024

Year 5



Welcome to the Autumn term from the class teacher

Welcome back to school everyone. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning here in Year 5. Everyone seems to have settled in fine but if there are any concerns then please either dojo me or speak to me at the end of the day. Thanks Mr Lawton

PE DAY

Year 5's PE day is **Thursday morning**.

The children will attend school in their full PE kit (Plain white round neck T-shirt/ chapel end T-shirt with red sleeves, plain red shorts, plain red sweatshirt/hoodie , plain black jogging bottoms, trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.)

PE activities

This term our PE units are swimming.

Homework

In Year 5 we expect all children to read at home for approximately 15 minutes at least 3 times per week. This needs to be recorded in the children's Reading Record and signed by an adult. Reading records will be checked in school every Thursday.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will comprise of spellings and some maths work alongside any unknown tables facts. Children should spend time learning unknown facts and not practising tables they already know.

Spellings and tables will then be tested a week later on the following Thursday. Tables can be practised though TT Rockstars. Your child should know this login already but I can get this on a card again if this has been forgotten.

Please refer to our new homework policy on the school website to find information regarding your child's year group homework content. [7780444 \(chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk\)](https://7780444.chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk)

It is recommended that the children bring to school each day a named water bottle and a healthy snack.

Please note that earrings are not allowed in school.

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English

Our novel this term is Journey to the River Sea. We will be using this text in most of our reading and writing lessons.

Journey to the River Sea is a wonderful story of adventure into a new world for the main character, Maia. We will initially be using the story to also focus on our Reading domains: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarise (VIPERS). A variety of other texts will also be used to give the children access to and knowledge of a broad range of non-fiction, fiction and poetry texts.

Grammar will initially be taught using Journey to the River Sea as a vehicle as will the majority of our extended pieces of writing which will include an Informal Letter, Setting Description, New Chapter, Balanced Argument and Non-Chronological Report.

Maths

Mondays—Wednesdays in Year 5 will focus on number work such as place value, counting on and back in various step sizes including working with negative numbers, calculation and fractions. Thursdays will focus on mental maths and strategies for calculating problems using jottings. Tables will be tested on a Thursday (with weekly spellings) and children can use TTrockstars to help learn unknown facts.

Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Art— Collage work through looking at Fred Tomaselli

Computing- E-Safety, Computer Systems

Design technology- Designing a mobile phone carrier (textiles)

Geography- Rainforests

History- The Romans

MFL (French) - My school, my subject and Time in the city

Music—Singing studies—Soft Rock

PE- Swimming

PSHE +RSE— Me and my relationships and Valuing difference

Science—Properties and changes of materials and Forces

RE— Christianity and Islam

Weekly Themes

4.9.23- Positive mental attitude

11.9.23- Relationships

18.9.23- Recycling

25.9.23- Sukkot

4.10.23- Black History

9.10.23- E-Safety

16.10.23- Bullying Prevention

23.10.23- Celebrating achievements

6.11.23- Valuing Difference

20.11.23- Assembly

27.11.23- Protected Characteristics

4.12.23- Advent

11.12.23- The Christmas Story

Dates for your diary

School Photos 14.9.23

Yellow for Dahl 22.9.23

DT week 25.9.22

Open day 29.9.23

Parents' Evenings-3+5.10.23

Y1 Values Assembly 27.10.23

Art week 20.11.23

Assessment week 4.12.23

KS1 nativity 12.12.23

EYFS nativity 13+14.12.23

Y5/Y6 Christmas party 18.12.23

EFYS +KS1 Christmas party 19.12.23

Y3/Y4 Christmas party 20.12.23