

# Year 5 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a lovely festive period and enjoyed your break. We'd like to thank everyone for their support during the Autumn Term and for the lovely Christmas cards, vouchers and gifts.

There is another busy term ahead for the children with lots of exciting opportunities planned and plenty of work to be done! Below are some of the topics we will be looking at across the curriculum areas.

We have lots of exciting trips and experiences planned to immerse them in our topic work. We have already been to the science museum, which was a fantastic day. PGL is quickly approaching! Cello lessons will continue on a Friday morning.

**Maths:** We will be continuing with our work on fractions and then looking at multiplication and division.

**English:** This term our guided reading work will be based around the novel Letters from the Lighthouse, deepening the understanding of authorial styles and reading skills. In English we will begin by looking at biographies, looking at Alan Turing and Joan Clarke and the role they played during World War Two. Throughout the rest of the term, we will look at discussion texts, poetry and flashback stories all linked to our World War Two theme. Grammar and spelling will continue to be taught separately and threaded through all of our English work.

**Science:** We have already completed our science unit for the first half term, using the enquiry question 'What happens if you eat the same food every day?' In Spring 2, we will be learning about light.

**Computing:** In computing, this half term we will be learning about binary code and the Mars Rover and in Spring 2, we will learn to code using microbits.

**Our topics:** The overarching theme for Spring is 'Stockport in the War'. The children will learn about various aspects of the war, including life at home (evacuation, air raids, rationing, propaganda) and events across Europe.

## How to Support your child at home:

### Reading

It is extremely important that you continue to read as often as possible with your child. When reading with your children it is also important to talk about the text with the children to support their comprehension skills and about the punctuation, as this will support your child's understanding of punctuation in their own writing. The children must have their diaries and books in school each day. This will enable adults in school to hear children read, as well as give us the opportunity to see what they are reading. Your child's book will be changed if completed on their allocated reading day, which is specified in their reading diaries. We are continuing to encourage the children to read as widely as possible and are trying to introduce them to new authors and genres through our class texts and ever growing class library.

### Spelling

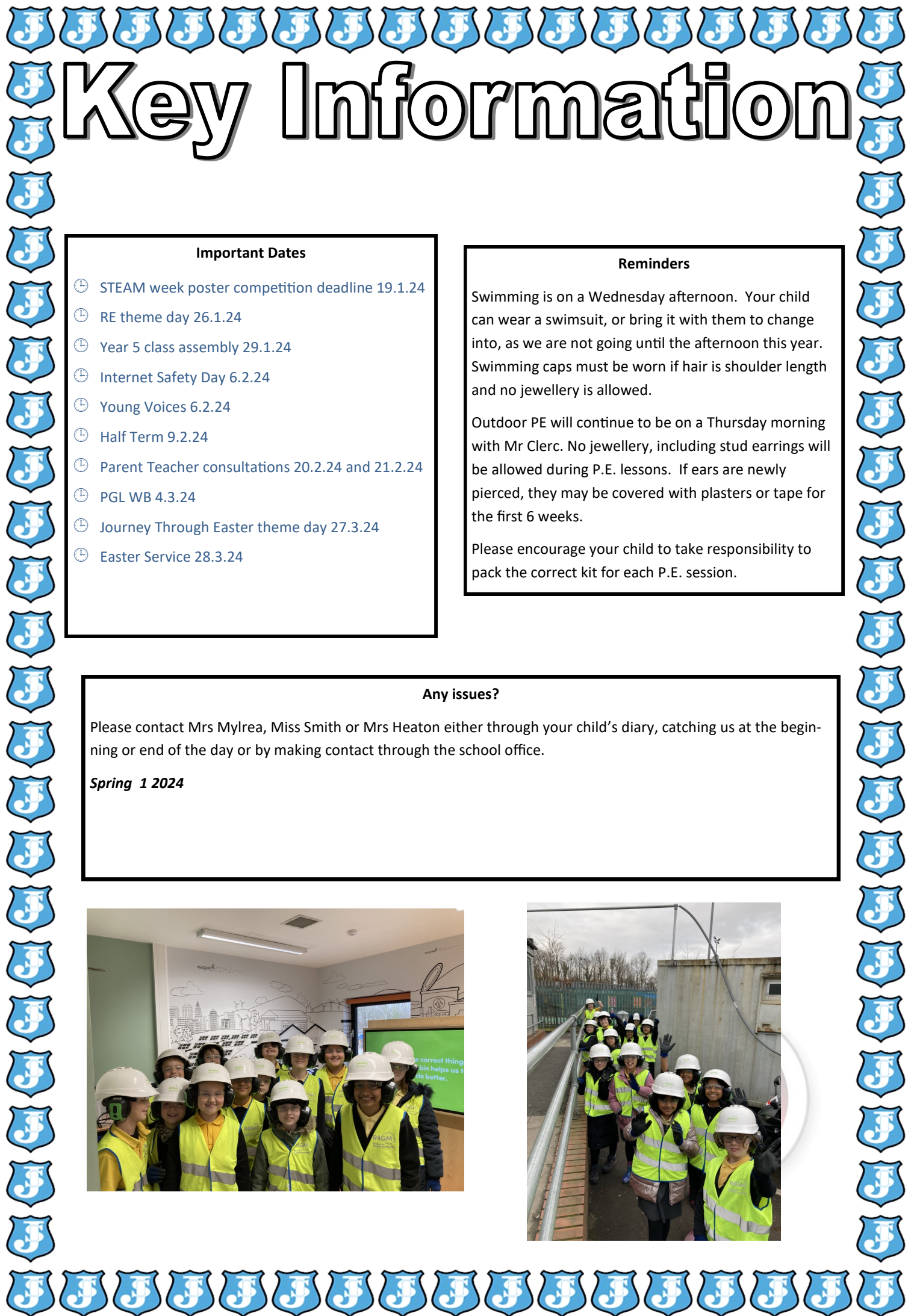
Spellings will continue to be set linked to taught spelling strategies.

### Homework

Your child will continue to receive homework via Google Classroom, set on a Thursday and due in for the following Wednesday, please. I will be able to check their progress on Mathletics and EdShed.

### Multiplication Tables

Your child must be practising their times tables regularly; including the inverse e.g. the division facts  $48 \div 8 = 6$ . This will support your child in becoming more confident when working with number in mathematics. Each child also has a login for Times Tables Rockstar for further consolidation at home.



# Key Information

## Important Dates

- ⌚ STEAM week poster competition deadline 19.1.24
- ⌚ RE theme day 26.1.24
- ⌚ Year 5 class assembly 29.1.24
- ⌚ Internet Safety Day 6.2.24
- ⌚ Young Voices 6.2.24
- ⌚ Half Term 9.2.24
- ⌚ Parent Teacher consultations 20.2.24 and 21.2.24
- ⌚ PGL WB 4.3.24
- ⌚ Journey Through Easter theme day 27.3.24
- ⌚ Easter Service 28.3.24

## Reminders

Swimming is on a Wednesday afternoon. Your child can wear a swimsuit, or bring it with them to change into, as we are not going until the afternoon this year. Swimming caps must be worn if hair is shoulder length and no jewellery is allowed.

Outdoor PE will continue to be on a Thursday morning with Mr Clerc. No jewellery, including stud earrings will be allowed during P.E. lessons. If ears are newly pierced, they may be covered with plasters or tape for the first 6 weeks.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility to pack the correct kit for each P.E. session.

## Any issues?

Please contact Mrs Mylrea, Miss Smith or Mrs Heaton either through your child's diary, catching us at the beginning or end of the day or by making contact through the school office.

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