YEAR FIVE AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you have had a relaxing half term break and are ready to start the next half term in year 5. We have lots of exciting things happening in the lead up to Christmas including our educational visit to safety central. You will be receiving a letter regarding this very soon.

During English lessons, we will continue to study our author of the term – Malorie Blackman. A range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry will be taught and the children will have the opportunity to write an instructional text and an alternative ending to modern fiction. Grammar skills will be taught and implemented into the different writing genres.

We were really pleased with the children's attitudes towards their reading last half term and they really enjoyed the reading treat. We would like this to continue this half term and a new reading treat will be voted for by the class. Children are expected to read at **least four times a week** and they should now be reading a wide variety of books; fiction, non-fiction, poetry etc. It is your child's responsibility to record their reading in their reading records **every time they read** and it is also their responsibility to change their reading books. Children can read independently but we would ask that you listen to your child read a few times every week and ask them questions to check their comprehension. Children will be set a target on Accelerated Reader each half term. Children who achieve this will be rewarded.

Our maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving across all elements of the National Curriculum. Miss Vaughan and Mrs Kapp will each teach separate units in separate books to ensure consistency for the children. Miss Vaughan will be teaching the children multiplication and division, while Mrs Kapp will focus on fractions. As Christmas approaches, the children will begin learning about statistics.

In Science, we will be learning about motion including forces. We will be learning about gravity, air resistance and water resistance and learning why Isaac Newton was an influential scientist.

In Geography, we will be learning about North America and looking at California in detail.

During history this half-term, we will first finish our study of Anglo-Saxons Britain before moving on to look at what like was like during the Viking era.

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday and the children will be taught by Mrs Kirk. Pupils are asked to come to school in their Scholar Green P.E Kits on their P.E days. A P.E kit consists of black shorts/leggings/skort, a Scholar Green P.E T-shirt and trainers. Please do not send your child to school in a football kit/jeans/high heels on their P.E days. P.E T-shirts can be purchased from www.myschoolstyle.com. Please ensure your child has long hair tied back if applicable and no jewellery is worn on PE days, please ensure earrings are removed on P.E days.

Our PSHE lessons this half-term, remain focused on relationships and we have some special events in school to support this. Odd sock day on Monday 10th November begins Ant-Bullying week. The children will also complete work to help them understand the importance of Armistice Day during their PHSE lessons.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and needs to be back in school by **Tuesday at the latest**. Homework will be linked to what your child is learning in class. Encouraging them to complete it will help strengthen their skills and understanding. Just a reminder that spellings are an important part of your child's weekly homework. You can find the weekly spelling list in your child's homework folder. Children should be practising these regularly. Spelling checks take place each week and the results are used (alongside other assessments) to help us determine whether your child is age-related on the spelling strand of the National Curriculum.

We have an open-door policy so if you have any concerns, please speak to us, usually the end of the day is more convenient as we have more time then. Our email addresses are included below, and we would encourage you to use this as another way of getting in touch. Please email Mrs Kapp on a Monday/Tuesday and Miss Vaughan on a Thursday/Friday. We are both in school on a Wednesday and will be having non-contact time together so that we can ensure consistency throughout the week and across the year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kapp and Miss Vaughan

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Important dates for Year 5 this half term:

03.11.25	INSET DAY
04.11.25	School Opens
04.11.25	Fluenz Nasal Spray
10.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week
10.11.25	Odd Sock Day – Pupils can wear odd socks to school on this day
11.11.25	Armistice Day
14.11.25	Children in Need – School Council Event
17.11.25	Years 1-5 Assessment Week – No holidays please
18.11.25	Year 5 Educational Visit – Safety Central
26.11.25	Parents Meeting Day – 9:00am-5:00pm – Information to follow
04.12.25	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for an item for the PTA Class Christmas Hampers
05.12.25	ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH
16.12.25	PTA Panto in school
17.12.24	PTA DISCO
TBC	Carol Concert – 6:00pm & PTA Hamper Raffle
18.12.25	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19.12.25	Christmas Parties
	End of Term