



Class 5 Newsletter

Spring Term

Dear Parent/ Carers.

Welcome back Class 5! I hope you all had a lovely, joyful Christmas! The children worked hard in 2016 so let's make 2017 an even more awesome year!

If you have any queries or concerns or would like to help out in class then please feel free to come and speak to me!

Miss Horner

Important Information

English

This term will be using a variety of texts as a stimulus for writing, including comic strips and the concept of super heroes.

Reading comprehension will be a big focus this term. It would be great if you could continue to push this at home as it will not only help their reading, but also their writing too.

We will be practising SATS on a regular basis and extra work for year 6 will be starting to get sent home in preparation for the SAT tests. This will include grammar work.

Maths

During this term we will cover all aspects of mathematics, in line with the National Curriculum.

Maths is an area of weakness for this class. As this is so, I strongly encourage you to ask your children questions at home regularly - whether it is working out the length of a tv program, measuring ingredients for cooking or simply saying their times tables.

We will be practising SATS on a regular basis and extra work for year 6 will be starting to get sent home in preparation for the SAT tests.

Homework

Homework will be given on a weekly basis and is expected to be handed in completed. There will usually be some Maths and English work and perhaps other work linked to the subject topics we are looking at this term.

In addition to this it is expected that children will be reading **most days**- out loud, when possible. This is part of their homework programme.

Learning web

Geography

We will be doing a country study into North America, looking at its contrasting landscape and using atlases to identify key features.

Art and Design

We will be continuing with our study into wire sculpture and we will also be participating in an art and music project with St Bede's.

Computing

Our focus this term will be programming and PowerPoint as an interactive tool.

The children will be learning to create route maps for programs and putting them into a context. They will also create their own interactive game using PowerPoint.

We will also continue to focus on e-safety in order to educate your children on using the internet in a safe way.

History

We will be doing a historical study looking at explorers from the past, such as Sir Frances Drake and Captain Cook and how the methods of exploration have changed over time.

R.E.

Our topics for this term are: Sources, Unity and Lent. The children will be also planning their own collective worships to deliver in class. Please assist them if necessary.

Science

The topics for this term are materials: dissolving and evaporation and Living things, where we will be looking specifically at classification of animals, the anatomy of plants and how plants grow.

Music

Guitar will continue on a Thursday and brass will continue as usual on a Wednesday so please ensure that your child brings their instrument.

In music, we will be participating in an art and music project with St Bede's.

D.T.

Cookery and healthy eating will be our focus this term. It would be wonderful if you could discuss the different food families with your child.

P.E

P.E will be on a **Tuesday and Friday** Please encourage your children to ensure they have all of the necessary items they need. This term we will be focussing on SAQ skills and gymnastics.

MFL

Miss Duggan will continue to teach the children basic Spanish phrases on a fortnightly basis.