# Class 5 Newsletter

## Autumn Two

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back. I hope you have enjoyed a bit of a break. Sadly, as you know, we have had to say goodbye to Alice. She will be greatly missed but wish her luck in her future endeavours. The good news is that we still have Miss Nixon, and the wonderful Mrs Tiernan coming to join us shortly. In the meantime, we have Mr Babbi working with us from year 6. This term, I am looking forward to speaking to you about how your child is settling into year 5 at Parents Evening. I will no doubt have spoken to many of you by the time you read this but please do feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about your child's progress throughout year 5. It has been a great start to the year and I am very much looking forward to the rest of it!

*Mr Harington*

## Our Topics

There is something quite exciting coming at the end of this term but before the big C happens, we've got lots of exciting learning to look forward to. In Science, we go out of this world to investigate what surrounds us in our solar system and beyond. This term also sees the first ancient history topic, picking up where they left off in year 4 with a look at Britain after the Romans and the settling of the Anglo Saxons. I am sure this violent, bloodthirsty time in history will provide plenty of excitement and inspiration! On a more peaceful note, in our RE lessons, we will be continuing to look at what different religions teach us about leading a good life before turning our attentions towards Christmas and our annual preparations for a fabulously festive time.







## English

This term will see the class continuing on using and strengthening their year four skills such as subordinate clauses and inverted commas for direct speech. We will be using our history and RE topics to feed into our writing, using the wonderful Anglo-Saxon Boy story by Tony Bradburn. We will also be looking at relative clauses and relative pro nouns to help add detail and cohesion to our writing as well as using a variety of punctuation.

## Maths

The class have shown a good understanding of place value and column addition and subtraction. This half term we begin our first look at the world of fractions and then back to multiplication and division. This means, as always, that we have a big focus on times tables. Children should know all their times tables by now so it's all about practise to help them to be as quick and confident as possible when recalling these essential facts. The Times Tables Rockstars app is the perfect way for them to practise. They can now use the 'Jamming' feature to focus on a specific times table that they might need more work on. Please let us know if you need your child's log in details.



## HOMEWORK




Your child will receive homework each Friday. The task will be inside their homework books. This year we have two different homework books, one for a spelling writing task and one for maths. Spellings will be sent home every Friday. The children will have almost a week to learn them. The children need to write a sentence using each spelling word to show their understanding. The children will also be given a specific focus for the sentences. All work is pitched so that it can be completed independently. However, children may need help to understand some of the words. We use dictionaries in school so if they have access to one at home this would help.

Learn by Hearts homework will come home on a WEDNESDAY. These are essential maths facts that must be learnt in preparation for a test the following WEDNESDAY. The children will then get a second week to consolidate the facts before receiving the next set.

Homework should be handed in on a WEDNESDAY. If any child is unable to manage this, they will be expected to complete their work during break/lunchtimes.

All children should also continue to **read regularly at home [we suggest a minimum of 3 x per week]** to an adult and record this in their reading record. Please feel free to leave a comment on how they have got on.

Please do feel free to contact us if you have any queries or would like any advice on helping your child further.



## PE



Our PE slots will be on **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY**.

**Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school on these days.**

**If they are in an after-school sports club Tuesday or Thursday, then they need to wear school uniform on these days and bring their PE kit to change into after school.**

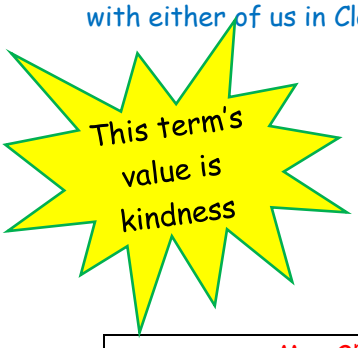
Our school PE kit consists of **plain black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms** with a **plain white, round-necked t-shirt** and appropriate footwear (trainers must be worn outdoors, especially when it is wet!) Children should wear their normal school jumper / cardigan on PE days. We will try to be outside as much as possible so please dress according to the day's weather prediction. We will provide a school hooded top for them to use in the lesson. This will be their own personal top for the year but does need to kept in school.

**Children must not wear earrings during PE lessons for safety reasons. Please make sure they leave them at home or are able to take them out themselves.**

As well as being good for your child's health, PE is statutory; therefore, all children must participate in each lesson unless there is a *medical reason* to suggest otherwise.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment [via the school office] with either of us in Class 5, before 8:40 am or after school. We are also available at the end of the ramp for a quick chat at 8:40am.

Many thanks,




**Mr Harington**  **Miss Nixon Mr Babbi/Mrs Tiernan** 

## Diary Dates

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| Mon 2nd Nov – Start of Autumn 2 term | Wed 16th Dec – Christmas Dinner/Service |
| Tue 10th Nov / Wed 11th Nov – Yr5 Consultations | Thu 17th Dec – Christmas Party/Santa |
| W/k beginning Mon 16th Nov Peace week | Thu 17th Dec – Pantomime / Christmas Holiday |
| Fri 20th Nov – Children in Need | Monday 4th Jan – Start of Spring 1 term |