

Class 5 Newsletter Spring 2019 1st Half

Welcome to the Class 5 newsletter for the spring term in 2019.

Firstly I would like to wish you all a very happy new year.

Our topic this half term will be the Indus Valley.

This term our class will be joined by Miss Crossley, a trainee from Sheffield Hallam University.

The focus for the Y6 children very much turns to SATs preparation in this half term, whilst the Y5 children continue their journey through the curriculum. I will be starting booster sessions for the Y6 children very shortly. At any point in the revision process, if you want to clarify anything with me, please feel free to get in touch. As always I will operate an open door policy.

Mr P West

As readers the children will:

- Read and evaluate a wide range of texts through guided reading, individual reading and focussed activities.
- Experience text across the entire curriculum
- Start to develop an understanding of why authors choose particular words / phrases / events in their writing.
- Have the opportunity to read for pleasure.
- Share their preferences with others in the class.

As Mathematicians, we will be learning about:

- Fractions, Decimals and percentages and how to convert between them.
- Revision and extension of the four operations, addition subtraction, multiplication and division.
- An introduction to Algebra.
- We shall also keep revising different topics and skills.
- All the above will involve a mixture of discrete skills, application, and problem solving.
- A lot of revision and practise is completed through morning learning. Thank you to all who arrive promptly and ready to learn.

As writers, the children will:

- Create explanation texts, narratives and poetry.
- Learn about the features of the texts and how to apply these in their own work.
- Continue to learn about different forms of grammar and punctuation and how to use them.
- Be creative, imaginative and develop a flair and love of writing.
- Continue to improve handwriting, punctuation skills and spelling.

Homework:

This will be a little different for this half term.

All children will have reading, mymaths and spelling like normal. Also, all children will have access to TT Rockstars.

The Y5 children will have a homework grid as usual.

The Y6 children will be given focussed revision homework in preparation for the SATs tests in May. My intention is always for this to be a learning process for all, I know how much the children have benefitted in the past from working with family members, thank you in advance for your support.

The Indus Valley

As historians and geographers we will:

Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate,

Use dates and terms accurately in describing events.

- Use sources of evidence to deduce information about the past.
- Select suitable sources of evidence, giving reasons for choices.
- Seek out and analyse a wide range of evidence in order to justify claims about the past.
- Learn about the location of the Indus Valley and why the civilisation there is significant in our world's history.

Science—our topic will be Inheritance.

As scientists we will:

Plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.

- Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.
- Use appropriate techniques, apparatus, and materials during fieldwork and laboratory work. Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision.

Art and Design

Mrs Irwin will be leading these sessions, using famous artists work to inspire the children to be creative and innovative. They will be improving their skills and using them to create different pieces of art.

Boosters

I will be running SATs boosters starting very shortly. In addition there will be some sessions where adults are welcome to attend with the children. More details to follow.

Computing

Our mission this half term is called

“We Are Web Developers.”

The children will be set the task of creating a web page about E safety. They will learn about layout, organisation, hyperlinks and how to make a web page easy to navigate.

In addition we shall be continuing our programming work with Dr Fox.



Staffing:

As before, we will be supported by Mrs Carmichael in different sessions throughout the week.

Mrs Taylor will continue to teach for one session a week, and Mrs Darigala will lead the music and RE curriculum on Wednesday afternoons.

In addition, I would like to welcome Miss Crossley to the school. She is a trainee from Sheffield Hallam University and will be working in Class 5. She has already worked alongside the children and I know you will join me in wishing her a very successful placement.

PE

Our PE days are **Thursdays and Fridays**. The sessions will be led by myself and Mr Stratford. Please can I remind you that PE kit is a white T shirt, shorts and some form of pumps or trainers for outdoors. All jewellery needs to be removed. Long sports trousers are allowed for outdoor PE if required but these must not be too long as this can be a tripping hazard. **If your child can not take part in PE sessions for any reason, please ensure you contact me directly either in person, by phone, letter or email.**

Our topics for this half term will be Badminton and Athletics: The athletics could be indoor or outdoor, please come prepared for both.

In addition, we will be continuing to run the daily mile—please ensure that your children have suitable footwear every day.

RE and Music

These units will be taught by Mrs Darigala.

Music will be a unit called Songwriter

For RE, the children will continue to learn about aspects of Christianity, particularly on how this impacts on the wider community.