



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 1 2020

Welcome!

Welcome back I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for the start of Autumn Term. We have plenty of interesting learning planned for the autumn.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th January 2020- School opens
W/B 20th January Enabling Enterprise week
Friday 24th January- Enabling Enterprise fair
Friday 14th February- INSET Day
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term
Monday 24th – Return to school
February 14th – INSET DAY.
March 5th – World book day.
March 9th – 13th – Science week
March 13th – Sports relief.
March 16th / 18th – Parent Meetings
March 3rd April – Last day of term. Break up at 1.15pm

Learning Challenge

Curriculum

The first IPC unit this term will be a Science and Technology led topic, called '**Bake it**'. This looks at different materials, their properties, the changing state of materials such as what happens to food when heated, solids that dissolve in water and the conditions live yeast grows in. We will also be looking at how to make bread and butter.

Our next IPC topic will be a Geography led topic. Children will look at the '**weather and climate**' in their country, learning geographical vocabulary, map reading skills and the class will be making an anemometer.

The final topic this term will be a Science led topic called '**Look Here**'. Children will conduct scientific investigations, learn key scientific vocabulary and the children will be learning about light and sound.

P.E.

PE kits need to be at school **every day**. Even though we have allocated PE days, sometimes PE days will change, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Jewellery is not permitted and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

Y5 will be going swimming every Friday morning. For swimming, the children will require an appropriate swimming costume / swimming trunks and a towel. Please can you let the school know your availability to help with the weekly swimming? Unfortunately, if we do not have enough adults to help with swimming the children will not be able to go.

Celebrations

Every week we have a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please make sure the children are in their classroom ready to learn by 8:55 each morning. The doors open at 8.45 and the register is taken promptly at 8.55am. It is really important for children to attend school every day and to be on time. The first 30 minutes of school is vital, as it sets them up for the day ahead.

Other Information

If you are available to help out on any school visits, please let the school office know. One of the reasons we are fortunate enough to go on so many school visits is due to the support and help available from parents and carers.

Homework

Children will receive a pick and mix activity sheet with a range of fun learning challenges to prepare them for their term ahead. These will be given out On the first Friday of every half term.

Weekly spellings will be given out and children will be tested on these **every Tuesday morning**.

Reading will continue to form the core part of home learning, as it is central to all learning. If your child has not yet joined a library, it would be beneficial to do so. It will be the children's responsibility to select a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction, and to read and write reviews on the books they have read at home if they wish to. It will also provide an excellent opportunity for children to talk with you about what they have read.

