

Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

Information for Year 5 Parents

Welcome to Year 5, we hope that you all had a fantastic summer break. Here is the Autumn Term newsletter. We hope it informs you about the work we shall be doing in class, important dates and other helpful information. This year we will be continuing our daily Destination Reader sessions; which teaches the core reading strategies. There is a strong focus on skills such as: predicting, inferring, evaluating, summarising, questioning and making connections.

Summary of work for this term

English: We follow the National Curriculum focusing on; biographies and autobiographies, diaries, myths and legends, book studies, classic fiction and poetry.

Maths: We follow the National Curriculum focusing on: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, fractions, data handling, shape and space, measurement, money and choosing appropriate operations to solve word problems.

Integrated Topic: First half term: 'You, Me and We': (link to PSHE, values and Celebrate our Differences Week).
Second half term: Inquiry question: 'Advertising. How and why?' In this unit we will be exploring advertising techniques with child-led activities; resulting in children creating a product and designing and evaluating their own adverts (links to English, DT, ICT, social studies).

Computing: Internet safety, computer programming, internet research and Multi-media presentation.

P.E. Invasion Games/Ball skills, Gymnastics and Dance.

Science: Space - planets, solar system and beyond!

P.S.H.E. Feelings and Relationships - Class rules. Values Education-respect, independence, generosity and co-operation.

Spanish: Our modern foreign language focus is Spanish. Children will be provided with opportunities to experience elements of Spanish culture and to develop some basic language skills.

Important Dates:

- Meet the Teacher - 5:00 pm Wednesday 11th September Windsor Drive (Hall) -this is a chance to meet your child's new teacher and to learn about the Year 5 curriculum.
- Harvest Week - W/B Monday 23rd September
- Celebrate our Differences/E.M.A Week - W/B Monday 30th September
- Parent Teacher Meetings for Year 5 - Monday 7th October (4pm-6pm) and Tuesday 8th October (5:30pm - 7:30pm).
- Half Term - 21st October to 25th October
- Inset days - Monday 28th October & Tuesday 29th October (school closed).
- Spooks and Sparkles - Friday 1st November
- Class Assemblies - 5LG Friday 29th November, 5BH Friday 6th December, 5JA Friday 13th December
- Christmas Lunch - 17th December
- Christmas extravaganza - 18th December
- Last day of term - Friday 20th December

Homework: *(in accordance with government legislation)*

Daily reading practice of approximately 30 minutes is the year group target. Children can read anything they wish, but a variety of choice is recommended i.e. magazines, story-book, encyclopedia etc. Please encourage your child to discuss their choice of text with you, answering questions, thinking about the text and meaning. Reading can be done independently, reading with an adult or being read to. Our online library Bug Club is a great resource which all of our students can access from home. They will be allocated books weekly as homework to read by their teacher and their reading at home will be analysed from the data which the programme will collect. All students can log onto Bug Club by using their individual passwords, these will be the same as last year. We would like all of our students to keep a record of their reading in their reading logs.

Homework will now be completed in homework books. The homework will be uploaded, every Thursday, to the Year 5 page of the school website (www.danegroveschool.co.uk) and will need to be returned by the following Tuesday. If you have any comments about the homework, you can write this in your child's homework book. The Year 5 page also contains copies of our year group newsletter and a curriculum overview for the current term.

Homework consists of; Topic (usually Literacy based linked to our topic), Reading, Spellings (pupils will be allocated a list each week and be tested in class.) and Maths. This will always be linked to the work that is completed in class each week. We shall also ask for the children to continue learning their times tables.

Homework Club is run twice a week, the children can attend and receive extra time and help from a member of staff. They will also have access to the I.C.T suite, where they can use the computers accordingly.

HOMEWORK CLUB - Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs Metcalf (12.15-1.00pm) AND Wednesday lunchtime (12.15-1.00pm) in the ICT suite.

General information:

Please ensure children come to school wearing the correctly **named** school uniform, which includes black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed, except for outdoor P.E. and during lunch break. If your child comes to school wearing trainers, they will be asked to 'borrow' a pair of plimsoles from Mrs Metcalf for the day. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.55am. If your child is late, they need to sign the register at the office with Mrs Moretti. If your child is going to be absent, please phone the office or write a letter, especially if your child walks alone (letters were sent out earlier in the week). The school number is **0208 449 4024** (the telephone is answered from 8.30am onwards).

The correct **P.E. kit** should be in school every day and will be sent home with the children at the end of each half term to be 'freshened up!' Please remember that we do not allow any named label brands to be worn at school, the kit should be a plain white/blue t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsoles or trainers (outdoor P.E. only). Please note, that anyone who has forgotten their kit can borrow the school's spare P.E. kit from Mrs Metcalf. Although we have timetabled days for P.E., there are occasions where a coach comes in or it rains on the day, so we often try to fit it in at another time, therefore kits being in school for the whole term is beneficial to the children.

Our P.E days are:

5LG - Tuesday and Wednesdays

5BH - Wednesdays and Thursdays

5JA - Tuesday and Wednesdays

Swimming:

Swimming with the Learn to Swim programme, will begin with 5LG from September (Friday 13th September 2019). 5BH and 5JA will go in the spring and summer terms. Swimming lessons will be on Friday afternoons.

Mr Huseyin and Mr Davis' Surgery is held each Friday at Windsor Drive from 9.00am to 10am. This is a 'drop in' session for you to discuss any general worries or concerns.

Many thanks for reading this term's newsletter; we hope to have a fantastic term, where the children will be working very hard. Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to Miss Grogan, Mrs Beskeen, Mrs Henderson or Mrs Alam. Please note that after school is always preferable as our mornings are used to prepare for the day's activities.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Team