

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter



Our theme for this term is 'Earth Matters'. In our Geography lessons we will be developing our map reading and navigational skills, as well as learning more about rivers, mountains, and coasts. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to visit Dunwich for a field trip, to examine first-hand the impact of coastal erosion. There will be cross-curricular links with English where we will produce explanation texts about how coasts are formed and information texts about keeping safe at the beach. In Art, we will be creating some under water Seascapes based on the work of Henri Matisse, and in Design Technology we will be making drawstring beach bags.



PE Kits

Every child must have their NAMED PE kit each week. They should come into school in their white PE top and red PE shorts. Children should arrive in their school shoes and school jumper, bringing their trainers and any additional sport clothing (tracksuits) in a named bag. The PE days are as follows:

Tuesday pm – 5B, 5T, 5S - outdoor

Wednesday am – 5B/5T swimming

Wednesday pm – 5S - indoor



Maths

This term, children will develop their place value knowledge, extending their understanding to recognising and reading numbers to 1,000,000. They will extend their calculation methods to add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits, strengthen their mental strategies for addition and subtraction and apply these to worded problems and a range of contexts. Later in the term, children will explore multiples and factors, before building on their knowledge of fractions.

Reading

In English, the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge and enjoyment of a range of texts. They will also look at a range of strategies to develop their comprehension skills. Each week it is expected that the children will read most nights – please encourage this at home. Whilst children can record their reading in a reading record this is not expected, and they will not be collected and checked by the class teacher.

Reading will be monitored via Accelerated Reader and children will be encouraged to quiz once they have finished their book and display a good understanding of the text they have read.



Times Tables

The children will continue to have some opportunities to practise their tables in school using Times Table Rock Stars and would also benefit greatly from regular practise at home. The login that your child had in Year 4 will still be valid. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any difficulties with this at home. Your support with this is much appreciated.



Homework

The children will be given spellings to learn each week. These will be set on Spelling Shed and tested weekly in class. In addition, children will receive one additional piece of homework each week – maths or English/reading.



A polite reminder

Should you need to speak to your child's class teacher, with the exception of urgent messages, please can we ask that you do this at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you can get in contact via the front office, who will pass on any messages to us. This will help to avoid congestion at the class door in the morning and to allow us to settle the children.

