



Welcome to the Spring Term Mr Tallant & Miss Eyre



We hope you have had an amazing Christmas break and are looking forward to another term in Year 5. We hope you have all settled into Year 5 well and are looking to challenge your learning further this term with new and exciting topics!

Dynasties

Our Spring Term topic has actually been decided by Sir David Attenborough! Just before Christmas we received a letter from Mike Gunton, who is the executive producer of the BBC TV series 'Dynasties'. Within this letter, he informed us of a challenge that Sir David Attenborough had set for primary schools across the UK to take part in if they wish – which we quite quickly decided Year 5 MUST take part. Therefore, the focus for our Spring Term Topic is based around geography and science skills, where we will be investigating animal species (from United Kingdom, Europe and South America) and understanding adaptations they would have to experience, to survive in different climates. This will be a fantastic opportunity for us to explore and in which we can share our work with Sir David Attenborough himself.

Homework

Weekly expectations for homework are that children are practising their weekly spelling rules, practising times tables and reading. Children all now have access to various apps to support these, which are Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars and it is expected that they are accessing these outside of school regularly. If children cannot access these at home, they can attend homework club, which takes place every Wednesday dinnertime. Children may also be sent home extra homework if either Mr Tallant or Miss Eyre feel it is necessary to consolidate learning.

Reading Logs

In Year 5, we expect that all children are reading a minimum of 3 times a week but the expectation would be 5 times each week. Reading daily will help your child to extend their vocabulary, understand different texts and instil a general love for reading! Following on from the Autumn term, children are expected to take responsibility for reading at home, and ensure their reading log is filled in and signed by an adult.

Homework diaries

Homework diaries should be in school every day and must be signed by a parent/carer every week, ready to be checked on a Monday by class teachers. Similar to the expectation of reading logs, in Year 5 we expect that children take responsibility to fill in their homework diaries and to ensure a parent/carer signs it.

General Reminders...

- PE days will be set by the class teacher however this may change so it is important that every pupil has a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). It is easier for them to bring it on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. They need to be in school for Special Assembly on Friday when we sit in our house colours. Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. **Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!**
- Children need to line up in the playground in the morning when the bell goes. Staff will be outside for a short time to answer any questions should you have any.