

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn Term 2

I hope you have all had a great half term holiday. It was lovely to see you all for parent's evening last week and I was so pleased to hear how happy all of your children are in Year 5. As you heard this week, I am so proud of how hard they are all working and how they are enjoying learning!

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Parental support for homework has been great so far. If homework is not completed then, I keep children in at break time on Thursday to complete it but I am happy to say no one has needed to stay in yet. Please mark your child's homework with them. If there is anything your child struggles with in the homework, then please let me know by writing a note on the page and we will go through it with them in school time. If your child hands their homework in on a Friday then I am rewarding them and this seems to be working!

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and spelling tests will take place on a Thursday morning. If your child is struggling with the spellings, Mrs Clark is running a spelling group first thing every morning during register and this has been very successful so far.

The Year 5 Spelling Bee for the Autumn Term will be on Thursday 13th December.

Our topic this term will continue to be Ancient Egypt. The children have loved this topic and have brought in lots of photos, books and information for our topic which has been fantastic. We have a session on a Friday afternoon where the children share information for topic. Unfortunately, we were hoping to plan a school trip based on our topic to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford but the museum is currently closed to school trips due to refurbishment so our trip has been postponed until March. Details to follow shortly. In science, our topic is now animals including humans.

In Maths we have worked on place value, column addition and subtraction, long multiplication, BODMAS and problems using those operations. We are now just starting long division and will be moving on to statistics. Times tables are being set in the homework also. Times tables tests are on a Tuesday morning.

I apologise for the noise of the recorders that are being practised at home! The children have loved learning to play the recorders and are taking it very seriously.

We look forward to showing you what we have learned in the Class Assembly on the 23rd November.

Year 5 P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would also be helpful if the children could also keep an old shirt (with long sleeves) at school to protect their school uniform when painting etc.

Thank you for reading 'The Borrowers' with your child which will continue to be set in the homework. When reading with your child, please fill in the Reading Record book or your child can fill it in if reading independently. We will continue to check Reading Records on a Tuesday to ensure your child has read at least twice a week. Children who have not read are staying in during Thursday break-time to read.

Once a week on a Monday afternoon, I invite children who have read a book discuss their views, thoughts and whether they would recommend the book to the rest of the class. This book is then put on our list for the week for the rest of the class to see when they would like to choose a book to read. This has been very successful and the children are very keen to share books they have read with the class. If you would like to see this list then it is in the classroom by the door.

I have been delighted with how the children have settled into Year 5 and their attitude to learning and obvious enjoyment of learning has been fantastic to see. However, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term if you have any issues.

Kind Regards
Mrs Hornshaw