



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now beginning the first half of the Spring Term of Year 5! The children have worked incredibly hard and we can't believe how much progress they have made already. Let's make this next half term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell what your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

English	 In Writing, we will be writing diary entries based on 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. Then, we will write a narrative, based on 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.
Reading	 In Reading, we will be focusing on the skills of retrieve, define and infer. We will be exploring a range of texts linked to our writing genres.
Maths	 This half term, we will be learning about multiplication and fractions.
Science	 We will be learning about life cycles in our biology unit. We will learn about sexual reproduction, fertilisation, and oviparous and viviparous animals.
History	 We will be learning the Roman Empire in Britain. We will learn about how the Romans conquered Britain and how they kept control.
Art	 In Art, we will be looking at how artists have portrayed journeys in their artwork. We will be creating a postcard based on our own journeys.
Computing	 In Computing, we will be learning how to use Crumble and how to write a program with conditions.
Music	 We will listen to and appreciate music, sing collectively, and improvise using instruments.
RE	 This half term, we will be learning about how Buddhists explain suffering in the world.
PSHE	 In PSHE, we will learn about how we can keep ourselves safe. We will explore dares, habits and the influences we have in our lives.
PE	 We will be learning to create and perform in our dance lessons.



Spanish	 <p>This half term, we will be learning to describe the time of day and revisiting our previous learning about numbers and hobbies.</p>
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PE: Tuesday

Children should come to school in their PE kits on the day of their PE lesson.

- Please ensure that all parents/ carers have access to Dojo as this is an essential way to communicate. Let the class teacher know if you have any problems connecting.

Homework

- Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it on Learning with Parents. Please upload pictures and audios of your child reading. Not only does it give them pride in sharing, it also develops their fluency – a key skill in becoming an expert reader.
- Times tables should be practiced regularly on Times Table Rock Stars. Knowing the multiplication tables and being able to recall these facts quickly is a key skill that can be applied across multiple areas of the maths curriculum!

If you require any additional information please contact your child's class teacher on Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 team