

# Year 5 Term 4 Newsletter

## Welcome back to Year 5!

We are so excited to see you all and welcome you back into term 4.

This term we are just as busy as last term and we have loads of exciting learning to share with you. You have all worked so hard so far in Year 5 and we also wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of all of you.

## English

In English, we will be starting the term by studying 'A series of unfortunate events- The bad beginning' by Lemony Snicket. We will be looking at different genres/styles of writing and applying key features to our own writing. We will continue to look at different areas of GPaS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spellings) each week and ensure these are always applied in our writing.

## Maths

During this term, we will be looking at decimals, area and perimeter and statistics. Alongside this, it is still important to be practicing your basic maths skills and your times tables - Times Table Rockstar log ins have been sent out to all children in Year 5 and we strongly recommend that you try to practice as often as you can as this will benefit your maths learning.

## Reading

Most children in Year 5 are free readers, so can choose the books that they read. Hopefully this means that the children are enjoying their books more and are more willing to read for pleasure. We ask that they read every night at home and write a comment in their contact books. We do ask that parents sign against this.

Year 5 loved contacting authors via Twitter last term sharing their feelings about the books that they are reading. This will continue this term - all the children need to do is fill in a slip and give it to Mrs Reid.

In school, we will have guided reading sessions in class which will be based around VIPERS. In addition to this, we will have reading for pleasure time.

## Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about the Tudors. South America and biomes will be the focus in Geography. In science, we will be moving on to focus on the evolution and electricity. We will also have exciting lessons in art, DT, computing and MFL.

## PE

This term we **will have Indoor PE on Monday and Outdoor PE on a Thursday**. Please ensure on both days you come into school in your PE kit. Earrings should not be worn during PE lessons, so it is advised to keep them at home.

## Reminders for parents:

- The school day has been **extended** by 5 minutes so the new pick-up time will be 3:20. School start time will still be 8:45 with the gate closing at 8:50. Children will use the Year 5 entrance at next to the hall.
- If your child walks to school, they are allowed to bring their mobile to school, but it has to be handed to the office before they go into school.
- Homework will be set on a Friday and due back on Wednesday. An optional homework club will be offered on **Tuesday** lunchtime every week. If homework is not handed in, a homework club is offered on a **Thursday** lunchtime to those who did not complete it at home.

## Final note...

Contact books are checked every day by a member of the Year 5 team. If you have a message for the class teachers, please put it in here as a first port of call and we will respond as soon as we can. It is the children's responsibility to hand contact books in every day so can you please remind them of this expectation.

You should have all received a letter inviting your child to the class sleep overs at Chatham Dockyard, please note the closing date for this is Friday the last day of term. Any questions- please speak to the class teacher. 😊

Thank you

Miss Finch and Mrs Reid