

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER: TERM 2

We hope you have had a relaxing half term and are ready for a busy Christmas term. We have lots of fun activities planned including lots of Christmas activities.

Mrs Reid, Mrs Nicholls, Miss Edwards and Mrs Hancock are always here to help and answer any questions that you may have.

Important Information

All children in Year 5 are free readers, which means that they can choose the books that they read. They are welcome to borrow a book from class or read one from home. They need to write in their home contact books when they read - we ask that parents check what has been written and sign against their child's reading. Children are rewarded for their home reading; 3 dojos for 5 or more reads and 1 dojo for 3 reads.

If you need to speak to the class teacher, please use the contact book in the first instance. These are checked daily.

Home time - Children with permission will be taken to the KS1 playground; please email the school office if you would like your child to do this.

We encourage children to drink water in school but if your child does not like water, we will allow sugar free squash.

What we will be learning

In English, we will be looking at *Holes* by Louis Sachar's. We will be doing non-chronological reports, letter and diary writing and completing a newspaper report. We will be building upon our grammar knowledge and aim to include this independently within our writing.

In maths, we will be continuing with multiplication and division before moving onto fractions. Times tables underpin all the work that we do in maths, so continue to practise as much as you can on TTRS.

In term 2, we will be looking at Ancient Greece in history, North America in geography and forces including magnets in Science. We also have some great lessons planned in Art, DT, Computing, French, RE, PSHE and music.

Dates for your Diary

14th and 16th November: Parent evenings

17th November: Children in Need

11th and 12th December: Christmas Carol concert

14th December: Whole School pantomime trip

20th December: Last day of term

Homework

Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday.

A homework club for those who need support is offered.

PE

Indoor P.E. will be on **Tuesday afternoons** and outdoor P.E. will be on **Wednesday afternoon**. Children need to come to school wearing their P.E. kits. Please ensure that you are following the school uniform policy.

Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings taken out.